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## About the COVER

The James A. Rogers Library is a popular place for students to learn how to find and use information, to study, and to conduct research. FMU students Kimberly Meldrim (left) and DeDe Lowder are pictured leaving the library in this file photo from spring 2004. Kimberly is currently enrolled in the nursing program at FMU and DeDe graduated cum laude in May 2004 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

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# Rogers Library

## information needs **OF THE**

One book. That constituted the entire holdings of FMU's James A. Rogers Library when it was dedicated in 1971, the first new building on campus.

Thirty-three years later, the library, named for the first chairman of the State College Board of Trustees, houses a collection of nearly 400,000 volumes and provides access to a variety of electronic databases. Rogers Library is the sixth-largest academic library in South Carolina. It seats 600 and is open 88 hours per week.

"This building has served us extremely well," said library dean Paul Dove. However, as times have changed, so has the library. "When we moved in 1971, there were no computers," he said. Over the years, thousands of feet of cables have been run under the building to accommodate the new electronic technology.

The J. Mitchell Reames Wing, named for the late first director of the library, was dedicated in 1988 and added 23,000 square feet to the building's existing 54,000 square feet.

"We've probably re-arranged this building seven times," Dove said. "Some areas have reached capacity." The dean said that within the next decade, another expansion "will certainly be crucial."

### **"A storehouse of knowledge"**

"The library is the place you go to get information," Dove said. "It's a storehouse of knowledge."

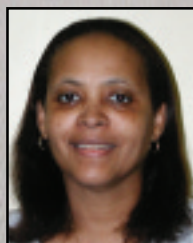
The dean said that in more than 30 years of working in libraries, he has observed that about 50 percent of the library's patrons actually use its resources, while the other 50 percent simply use it as a study hall.

"So many students bring their work here," he said. "Particularly at night." Students can even study in groups in one of the library's classrooms.

But for students who want and need to use the library's vast resources, there is always someone there to help. Library patrons can count on individual attention from a qualified professional librarian.



H. Paul Dove Jr.  
*Dean of the Library  
and Professor*  
1975



Linda D. Becote  
*Catalog Librarian  
and Asst. Professor*  
1978



Dominic J. Davis  
*Senior Library  
Technical Specialist*  
1998



Yvonne G. Davis  
*Senior Library  
Technical Assistant*  
1981



Joyce M. Durant  
*Acquisitions Librarian  
and Asst. Professor*  
1973



# meets the 21<sup>st</sup> century

*By Todd J. Hudak*

“What a student says he wants might not be what he needs” for a particular assignment, Dove said. Knowledgeable librarians work one-on-one with students to help them find what they really seek.

The library has 50 computers for student use, with Internet access and common programs such as Microsoft Word and Excel. Chatrooms are even allowed, but only for academic purposes. (Games, of course, are outlawed.) The library does not carry textbooks, but students have access to materials that complement the classroom text, such as microfilm, microfiche, e-books, electronic databases and other resources.

Faculty also use the numerous electronic journals and other holdings for their research. The library relies heavily on faculty suggestions and requests when purchasing new books.

## Staff longevity

Rogers Library has a staff of 23, including nine faculty members who average 20 years of service. Five members of the library staff have received 30-year service pins. Ten of the current staff members were hired by Dove’s predecessor, Mitchell Reames, who retired in 1983. “So I can’t take credit for all of the good hires,” Dove said with a laugh.

“Obviously, if somebody stays in a job that long, they are getting some gratification from their work,” he added. The staff of 23 handles more than 100 different jobs, Dove said. “We all have to do more than one thing. I could easily hire five more staff” if the resources were available.

“We are a team,” he continued. “Everyone in this building appreciates what the other does. We work well together, and know and respect each other. I can’t say enough positive things about the staff.”

Each year, the staff takes a field trip to another library to observe innovations and



Barbara B. Frinks  
Senior Library  
Technical Specialist  
1991



Roger K. Hux  
Asst. Librarian and  
Associate Professor  
1975



Nancy A. Jeffords  
Systems Support  
Technician  
1974



Satoria A. Lowe  
Library Technical  
Assistant  
2004



Karl D. McAlister  
Senior Library  
Technical Assistant  
1997



Janet S. McLeod  
Administrative  
Assistant  
1980





*A student uses the library's equipment to conduct research for a history class.*

ask questions. "That has been as beneficial as anything," Dove said. "We learn a lot."

Various library faculty have also taught freshman seminar, now called university life, over the years.

## Serving the community

Thirty years ago, according to Dove, local high school students were not encouraged to use Rogers Library. Nowadays, that has changed. High school students frequently tour the library, and the tours are also a recruiting tool. "A lot of kids have never been in a library this large," Dove said.

Although generally only FMU personnel can check out books, the library has reciprocal agreements with other local colleges including Florence-Darlington Tech, Coker, and Williamsburg Tech. This allows students from any of those schools to utilize resources from any of the libraries.

High school students and other members of the public may purchase a \$25 per year guest pass for check-out privileges at Rogers Library.

## Technology/ The future

"We can't possibly anticipate your information needs to the point that we can supply every book or journal you may need," Dove said. And even if such needs could be anticipated, no academic library has an unlimited budget.

The solution? Joining up with other libraries to pool resources. "There are a lot of opportunities out there to be partners

with other institutions and drive down the price," Dove said. "We literally have joined every consortium that has invited us."

For example, several libraries can split the cost of signing up for a particular electronic database. Or if Rogers Library doesn't have a book you are looking for, it can be obtained through an interlibrary loan. The library also tries not to buy more than one copy of a book, in order to keep costs down.

In 1996, Rogers Library became the first library in South Carolina to offer a web-based catalog. The catalog currently contains more than 304,000 bibliographic records.

The library currently provides access to 40 databases, including many full-text services. The library also has access to more than 5,000 journals and adds new titles almost daily. Rogers Library is a member of DISCUS, Digital Information for South Carolina Users, SOLINET, the Southeastern Library Network, and PASCAL, Partnerships Among South Carolina Academic Libraries.

The library had 148,000 customers last academic year, and will soon serve its 3 millionth patron, Dove said. With the imminent retirement of several library staff, and the constant changes in technology, there is no doubt Rogers Library will grow as much in the next 33 years as it has in its first.

For more information about Rogers Library, visit its website at <http://www.fmarion.edu/academics/Library>.



*Students use printed resource books to locate information.*



Wendy M. Moore  
Senior Library  
Technical Assistant  
1991



Janet M. Pearson  
Library Technical  
Assistant  
1998



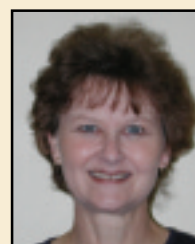
Yvette H. Pierce  
Asst. Reference  
Librarian and Assoc.  
Professor - 1973



Patricia T. Pigatt  
Circulation Manager  
1973-4, 1976



Cindy A. Price  
Media Cataloging  
Librarian and  
Instructor - 1988



Pamela B. Radcliffe  
Systems Librarian and  
Assoc. Professor  
1985





## Outside the library

# Dove loves his Hog

By Todd J. Hudak

You may not expect to see a librarian on a motorcycle. But don't be surprised if you see H. Paul Dove Jr., dean of FMU's Rogers Library, at the annual Bike Week festival in Myrtle Beach, or cruising the highways of South Carolina on his Harley-Davidson.

A motorcycle enthusiast since his days in graduate school, Dove bought a 1200 cc Harley-Davidson Sportster earlier this year. It's a "short-trip bike" that he rides in local poker runs or on trips from Florence to his native Winnsboro in Fairfield County.

"I fell off a Yamaha 30 years ago and hit my head on ice," he said. "I will not ride without a helmet now."

Dove is also proud of his new John Deere tractor that he rides many weekends while working on his farm in Winnsboro.

Although he sometimes sleeps at his apartment in Florence, Dove is a resident of Marion. He has been involved in numerous civic activities in both communities, including Habitat for Humanity, United Way, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. He is currently chairman of the Marion County Library Board.

He is also a member of the Davis Landing Fishing Club in Marion, a group of professional men who get together to eat and play cards.

Dove's two children, Shannon, 31, and Kevin, 25, live and work in Marion as well. Shannon is a newlywed and sixth-grade math teacher at Johnakin Middle School, and Kevin is a county 911 dispatcher.

The dean earned his undergraduate degree in French from

Erskine College, and was pursuing a master's degree in French at the University of South Carolina when he got his first taste of working in a library. He was a graduate library intern in USC's McKissick Library, at a time when librarians were in demand.

He was offered the head librarian's position at Erskine, and the school offered to send him for a master's degree in library science. So Dove shelved his French graduate studies to earn an M.S. in L.S. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He later returned to USC and finished his master's degree in French.

After serving as head librarian at Erskine for five years, Dove held the same post at Coastal Carolina University for a year, before coming to FMU in 1975 as assistant acquisitions librarian.

When Frances C. Means retired in 1980 as acquisitions librarian, Dove assumed that post. In 1983, Mitchell Reames, the only library director FMU had ever known, retired and Dove was tapped for the post. In 1994, the position title was changed to dean of the library.

"I told a few people on campus that the title of dean came with a \$10,000 pay raise," Dove recalled with a laugh. "Of course that wasn't true. It was nothing more than a title change, but that upset a few people."

After 35 years as a librarian, Dove anticipates retirement in a couple of years, when he can spend more time riding his Harley on the highways and his John Deere on the farm.



Steven C. Sims  
Senior Library  
Technical Asst.  
1990



M. Suzanne Singleton  
Asst. Reference Librarian  
and Asst. Professor  
1988



Loretta K. Spears  
Library Technical  
Assistant  
2001



John M. Summer  
Asst. Reference  
Librarian and Asst.  
Professor - 1988



Marcella Y. Turner  
Library Technical  
Assistant  
1991-6, 2001



Key C. White  
Senior Library  
Technical Assistant  
1979








*Dove at work in his office at Rogers Library.*


## A Progress Report from the Dean

The following are some of the improvements under way for Rogers Library, contributed by H. Paul Dove, Dean of the Library.


 Planning for a **second generation integrated library system (ILS)** that will be shared among FMU, Clemson, all USC campuses, South Carolina State University, the Citadel, the College of Charleston, Florence-Darlington Technical College and Aiken Technical College, initially. This project has been in the development stage for over a year now and is scheduled for implementation within this fiscal year for all eight institutions.


 **Implementation** of state funding for certain **electronic resources** for academic libraries. **PASCAL**, the Partnership Among South Carolina Academic Libraries, has received through a Commission on Higher Education award from the state legislature a grant for \$2 million to acquire electronic database access. Currently a **PASCAL** selection committee is analyzing holdings of electronic resources in membership libraries and preparing recommendations for acquisition of select electronic resources that will serve the largest components of the consortium. We anticipate decisions on these databases by late fall and implementation no later than January, 2005.

 **Consortial Purchasing** of existing electronic resources so that we achieve the best deals out there via group purchasing of certain databases. While this parallels the statewide funding initiative outlined above, it covers those resources that are either more specialized or otherwise applicable to portions of the **PASCAL** membership.

 **Universal borrowing and statewide courier service** will be facilitated by

the ILS noted above so that FMU library patrons can both see what books are held by the other seven members of the network but they will also be able to do patron initiated requests to borrow those materials from within the consortium sharing the same integrated system. Our online public access catalog for FMU will expand from 300,000 bibliographic holdings to more than 4,000,000 statewide and will grow by even more as new members within the state join the network.

 **The Digital Library Initiative (DLI)** is another **PASCAL** priority. Thanks to two large grants from the South Carolina Library and its federal Library Resources and Technology Act grants, **PASCAL** is moving ahead with plans to digitize unique resources held by member libraries. These resources are currently being identified so as to create a pool of materials from which to begin converting special books, records, archives, documents, and other print items whose availability is restricted due to preservation considerations, value or rarity of the work, or location.


 **Improving Public Relations** has been one of Rogers Library's focal points this year. We have created an internal team to provide recommendations to the library dean that will enhance the library's campus image while expanding awareness of its services and resources. This fall, on the first day of classes, the library's "Welcome Back Students" activity registered almost 300 students who enjoyed refreshments, balloons, music and door prizes at an outside piazza table. Staff gave students Rogers Library pens and pencils, candy, and a warm welcome back to campus. Also, the committee created a **new logo** for the library and recommended how the new logo might be best used to identify and promote library publications. The committee recommended that the library establish a "**fiction shelf**" for readers seeking contemporary lighter




*The library provides a quiet place to study or read for pleasure. Private rooms for study groups are also available.*



reading. This small but growing collection is now available adjacent to the Current Newspapers area. Also, the library has added two close-captioned televisions in the Current Periodicals area. One TV is tuned to **CNN** so that students can see and read about current news and weather from cable TVs in the library. Also, library staff members provide news items to the FMU public relations office regularly so that all FMU students, staff and faculty are aware of developments and opportunities in Rogers Library and how those changes and new resources may support them in their current studies and lifelong learning habits.

 **Professional growth and development** is another high priority **PASCAL** core program currently being given statewide attention. Earlier this year FMU hosted the South Carolina **LIBRIS** conference which attracted approximately 100 library staff members from across the state to a one-day workshop covering a variety of library issues. While the **LIBRIS** planning committee works towards its 2005 conference, **PASCAL**'s professional growth and development committee has surveyed the membership to determine what sorts of issues it should be addressing. The **PASCAL** committee continues to explore options for the delivery of critical continuing education opportunities for its membership. *As libraries face fast technological change, it is essential that library staffs keep pace with new technologies, better ways to provide access, and improved and expanded access to information regardless of its format, location, or source. Staffs must know what other institutions are doing to improve and facilitate access. We must learn from each other and incorporate new ideas into our interworkings, budgeting, organizational structure, and service delivery. We depend on professional growth and development*

to provide these new ideas, alternative methods, and cooperative ventures.

 **Making the transition from print to digitized resources** continues to present dilemmas for all libraries, and especially for college and university libraries. For example, Rogers Library now expends more than \$80,000 each year for electronic access to information and yet must still provide access to more than 1,600 print journals while also acquiring a modicum of new books annually. Library users continue to borrow 23,000 books each year and typically also use about that many more within the library. Last year the library's 148,000 customers also performed 120,000 computer searches and retrieved hundreds of thousands of pages of digitized information. Customers flock to the library's 50 public computers, taking advantage of the myriad programs available from those PCs, both in the Reference area and the Progress Energy Technology Center lab. Last year the library provided more than one million printed pages from electronic resources and computerized programs (word processing, spreadsheets, etc.) to its users. In the ongoing effort to meet both print and electronic needs, libraries face tough choices and must stretch every dollar to its limits.



*Librarian Karl McAlister, right, assists a student at the Circulation Desk.*





## Lufkin to head nursing program

Sylvia R. Lufkin, formerly the administrator of Wilson Medical Center in Darlington and vice president of patient services for McLeod Health, has been named head of the new nursing program at Francis Marion University.

FMU President Fred Carter said Lufkin joins the FMU faculty as professor of nursing and chair for the Department of Nursing.

In that capacity, Lufkin is working to effect the transfer of the bachelor of science in nursing program from the Medical University of South Carolina to FMU, participating in planning a new School of Nursing building on the campus and providing the leadership for the development of the baccalaureate program to meet the needs of the Pee Dee.

In May, Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation made a \$5 million gift to FMU to build a facility to house the nursing program.

Carter said, "Getting someone with Sylvia Lufkin's experience to take charge of the FMU nursing program at this juncture is crucial to its long-term success."

"With her vast experience as a clinical

nurse, as an educator and as a medical administrator, Sylvia brings the perfect set of credentials to this new position at FMU," said Carter. "She will do an extraordinary job in developing this program and increasing the number of nurses to serve the region."

Lufkin has been employed with McLeod Health for nearly 11 years. Prior to that, she served in administrative roles for Mayo Medical Center in Rochester, Minn., and Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia.

Lufkin also served as associate professor, department chair and program director for MUSC's College of Nursing satellite program at Francis Marion University from July 2000 until September 2003. She also has taught in the College of Nursing at the University of South Carolina.

She received her doctor of education degree from the University of South Carolina and her bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has completed post-doctoral work at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Minnesota and MUSC.

Her professional memberships include



Lufkin

serving as a member of the South Carolina League for Nursing, and a member of the National League for Nursing, the American Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau—the National Honor Society for Nursing and the International Association for Human Caring.

"I am delighted to face this new challenge and look forward to the development of such a vital educational program for the region," stated Lufkin. "I am also very appreciative of the support and professional relationships I have developed over these many years at McLeod Health, and most recently in the community of Darlington."

Lufkin resides in Florence and has two daughters, Marci and Roslyn.

## Carter receives Governor's Award in the Humanities

Dr. Luther F. Carter, president of Francis Marion University, joins three others in receiving Governor's Awards in Humanities from The Humanities Council S.C.

Other recipients include Eugene N. (Nick) Ziegler, an attorney in Florence with the firm of Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd P.A., Anne Springs Close of Fort Mill, and William Price Fox of Columbia. Carter and Ziegler are the 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> recipients of the Governor's Award which were presented at a luncheon Nov. 4 in Greenville.

Established in 1991, the Governor's Awards in the Humanities recognize outstanding achievement in humanities research, teaching, and scholarship; institutional and individual participation in helping communities in South Carolina better understand our cultural heritage or

ideas and issues related to the humanities; excellence defining South Carolina's cultural life to the nation or world; and exemplary support for public humanities programs. From 1991-2003, 33 individuals and organizations have received awards. The Humanities Council is completing its 31st year as the state based program of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Carter was recognized for his contribution in promoting the humanities through his extensive service to the state—as a teacher and published scholar, director of the Budget and Control Board, chief of staff to Gov. Mark Sanford, and president of Francis Marion University. As a member of the board of directors of The Humanities Council S.C., Carter helped develop the annual S.C. Humanities Festival, which highlights the history and

heritage of various South Carolina communities.

Ziegler was honored for his lifetime achievement in demonstrating support for the public humanities. Not only a respected attorney and former member of the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate, Ziegler is a published local historian. Nick has served on the national board of directors of Big Brothers of America, and also on the boards of the S.C. Department of Corrections, the S.C. Arts Foundation, the Florence Museum, and the Florence County Historical Society. Among numerous awards, Ziegler has received the Order of the Palmetto, and the Elizabeth O'Neill Verner Award in the Arts. Nick was a past chairman of the S.C. Interagency on the Arts and Humanities.



## FMU ranked in top 100 by U.S. News & World Report; university also among nation's most diverse campuses

Francis Marion University has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine as one of the South's top 100 master's level universities for the fourth year in a row. FMU also was ranked as one of the country's most diverse campuses for the sixth time in seven years.

The rankings were published in the magazine's book *America's Best Colleges*, 2005 Edition. The magazine released the rankings Aug. 20.

FMU is among schools that are classified as master's level institutions under the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, the grouping system that *U.S. News* uses as the basis for its ranking categories. There

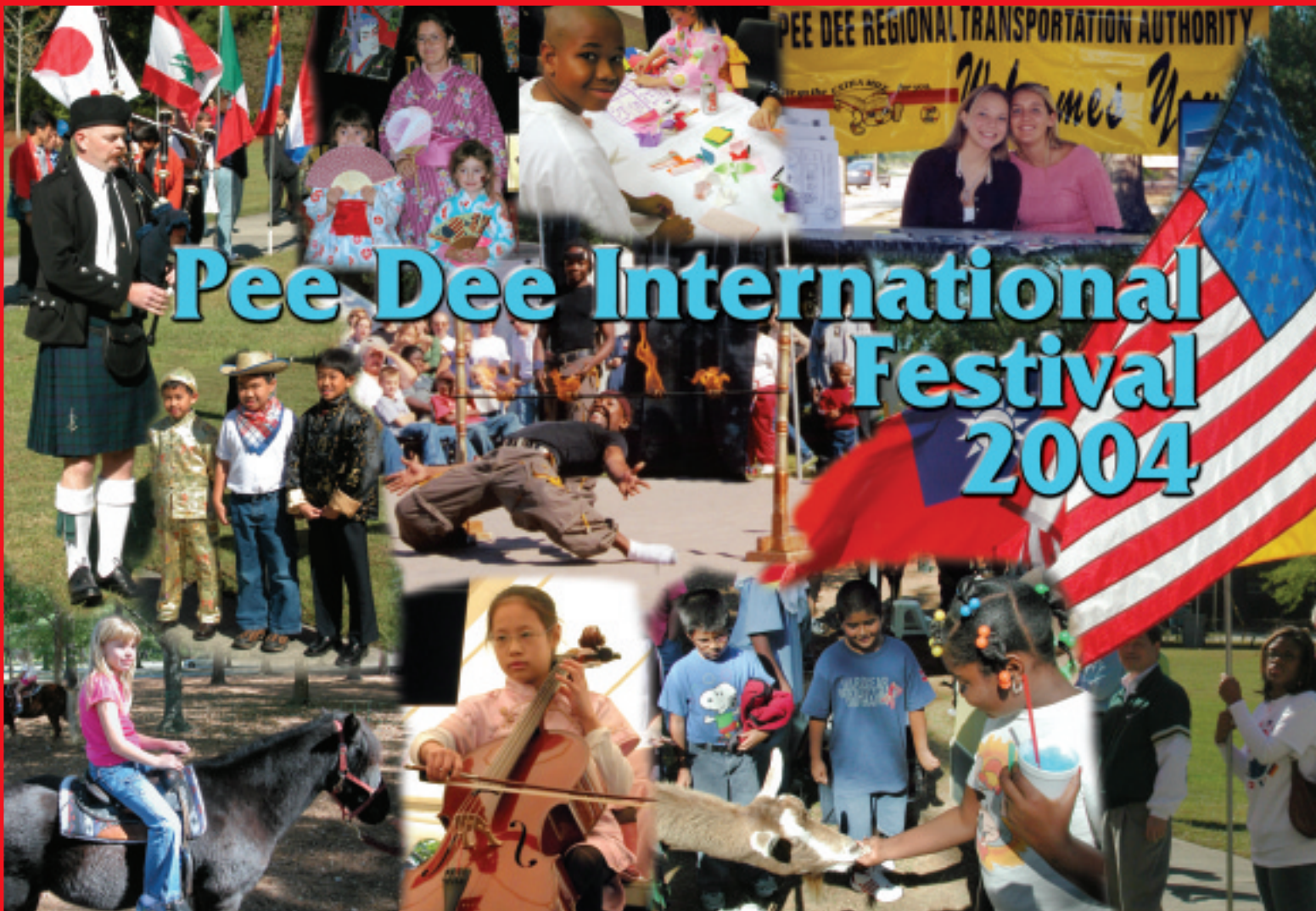
are 572 universities in the master's level category, ranked within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West—because they generally draw students heavily from surrounding states.

The method that *U.S. News* uses to rank colleges and universities consists of three basic steps. The schools are categorized primarily by mission and in some cases, region, using data in 15 indicators of academic excellence. The indicators used to capture academic quality fall into seven categories: academic reputation through peer assessment, retention of students, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving and graduation performance. The ranking formula gives

greatest weight to academic reputation.

With an African-American enrollment of 35 percent, FMU was ranked among the top 13 master's-level schools in the South in the magazine's campus diversity category. The magazine identifies colleges in this category where students are most likely to encounter undergraduates from racial or ethnic groups different from their own.

FMU is classified by the magazine as a regional university, an institution that offers a wide selection of undergraduate programs and master's degrees, but few, if any, doctoral programs. FMU offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 30 areas of study.





## Dedications honor Williams, Yahnis

Two Florence businessmen with close ties to FMU were honored with dedications earlier this fall.

The interchange of Interstate I-95 and S.C. Route 327 has been dedicated in honor of Robert W. Williams, president and CEO of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative in Darlington and a member of the FMU Board of Trustees. A ceremony was held Sept. 24 in Lowrimore Auditorium at FMU.

A portion of U.S. Highway 76/301 in front of Francis Marion University has been dedicated in honor of Chris Yahnis, a Florence businessman and longtime FMU supporter. A ceremony was held Aug. 18 in the Cottage at the university.

Officials from the Department of Transportation, local legislators and university officials were on hand for the ceremonies. Speakers at the two events included DOT Commissioner John Truluck, FMU President Fred Carter, U.S. Rep. John Spratt and Sen. Hugh Leatherman.

## Campbell appointed to Board of Trustees

Hal Campbell of Florence, president and chief executive officer of ACS Technologies, was appointed to the governor's seat on the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees. Gov.



Campbell

Mark Sanford

made the appointment of Campbell, effective July 1. His term runs coterminous with the governor.

"Hal Campbell will be a wonderful addition to our board," said FMU President Fred Carter. With a wealth of business experience and his love of the university, he brings great leadership skills to our board."

Campbell is a 1979 graduate of FMU with a degree in business. In 1994, he was presented the FMU School of Business Outstanding Graduate Award. Two years later, he was recognized as one of the university's 25 Distinguished Alumni by the Alumni Association.

Campbell was named the university's 2003-04 Outstanding Alumnus. A past president of the Alumni Association, he

continually supports his alma mater in a variety of ways, including serving as secretary of the FMU Foundation Board.

Founded in 1978, ACS Technologies (formerly Computer Dimensions) is the country's leading provider of technology solutions for churches, private schools and other faith-based organizations. Campbell joined the company after graduating from FMU. He was named president and CEO in 1984 when the company had about 100 clients and 10 employees. Under Campbell's leadership, the firm has grown to more than 300 employees with more than 12,000 clients.

Campbell and the other owners of ACS (Billy Campbell, Marvin Owen and Tom Rogers) were named South Carolina's Small Business Persons of the Year in 2002. He was a finalist in the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year program in 2004. ACS employs a significant number of FMU graduates with expertise in areas of programming, testing, technical writing, customer support, information technology, accounting, sales and administration.

Campbell and his wife Melaine have two daughters. They are active in the First Presbyterian Church in Florence.

## Elmore listed in "The Best Lawyers in America"

Former Florence attorney and current member of the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees, L. Franklin "Frank" Elmore was recently selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2005-2006*. Elmore, a co-founder of the regional Carolinas law firm, Elmore & Wall, P.A., resides in its Greenville office where he limits his practice to construction and surety matters. He represents construction and surety clients in litigation, arbitration and mediations throughout the southeast and southwest United States.

Since its inception in 1983, *The Best Lawyers in America* has become universally regarded as the definitive guide to legal excellence in the United States. Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America* is based upon an exhaustive peer review survey in which 16,000 leading attorneys

throughout the country cast more than a half a million votes on the legal abilities of other lawyers in their specialties.

Elmore & Wall, P.A., with offices in Charleston, Greenville and Raleigh, N.C., provides representation in the areas of construction and surety law, insurance defense and coverage issues, and complex litigation, including the defense of medical malpractice, products liability, toxic torts and class action litigation throughout the Carolinas.

Elmore is a 1973 graduate of Francis Marion University.



Elmore

## Armstrong speaks at FMU

Former Francis Marion University provost Thomas Armstrong returned to FMU to give a lecture on Sept. 21.

The lecture was titled "The Educated Person in the 21st Century."

Armstrong served as provost and professor of history at FMU from June 1993 to December 1994. Prior to coming to FMU, he served in a number of positions at Georgia College and State University, including dean of the School of Arts and Sciences. He served as president of Tennessee Wesleyan College from 2003 to June of this year.

Armstrong earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in history from the University of Colorado, and the Ph.D. degree in American Social/Southern history from the University of Virginia.



## FMU students travel to Germany

Five students from Francis Marion University attended an intensive German language course at the *Fachhochschule* (University of Applied Sciences) in Schmalkalden, Thuringia in central Germany this past summer. The students were Brandon Harrington, Leah Kunz, Kristopher Rogerson, Drayton Hewitt and Alicia Berry.

The students arrived at the Frankfurt airport on June 25, where they were met by Dr. G. E. Harding, the coordinator of the German program at FMU. The group stayed for two nights in nearby Mainz to overcome jetlag and to see some of the local area. On Saturday the group took a Rhine River cruise, had lunch at a castle overlooking the Rhine valley, and spent the afternoon exploring an authentic castle—from the highest tower to the dungeon.

"I wanted the students to have an opportunity to relax and enjoy their trip a little before beginning their formal instruction," said Harding.

On Sunday the group left for Schmalkalden by train and had an opportunity to explore the small but charming city prior to a group dinner at a local outdoor café. The next day, students were given a brief placement test along with the other 40-plus participants from all over the world and then placed in appropriate learning levels. Each morning the students had language instruction followed by lunch. In the afternoons, the students had "modules" on everything from German short stories (taught by Professor Harding) to international learning to German culture, led by an international faculty.

A great deal of the learning, however, occurred outside of the classrooms. The students lived in a totally German-speaking environment, from lodging to shopping to communicating with their classmates. Numerous excursions rounded out the offerings. The program provided full-day trips to Weimar, Erfurt and Bamberg, a beautiful city in northern Bavaria not far from Thuringia. On the weekend, there was an outing to the Boxberg in the heart of the Thuringian Forest where students were

able to try their survival skills with hiking, climbing and ropework.

In addition to the classes and excursions, the students had activities available including sports, film, a German cookout with *Bratwurst* (a Thuringian specialty), and a dance. Also, the students were allowed access to the computer centers and the library to send and receive email or surf the Internet. In the evening, the student club was open to all the international students to mingle with the students at the *Fachhochschule* and try out their German language skills.

At the end of the two-week program, the group was tested and evaluated. All five FMU students brought three hours of credit in German language or culture back with them. Harding offered a follow-up course in Summer II at FMU for those interested in getting a year's credit in one summer.

One of the FMU students, Drayton Hewitt, decided to stay an additional two weeks in Germany to visit friends there. Alicia Berry continued to visit with her sister and brother-in-law who have lived in Germany for several years. The other three students and Harding rented an automobile and took to the German *Autobahn* for the trip back to Frankfurt, where the group spent two more days exploring the area in and around Frankfurt—including seeing the movie *Spiderman 2* (in English!)—before returning to Florence on July 12.

Harding intends to lead groups to Schmalkalden and other places in Germany as long as a sufficient number of students express an interest in traveling, learning and getting credit for it. The Schmalkalden Program, for example, includes hotel, breakfast daily, all excursions including city tours and a boat ride in Bamberg, all campus activities, instruction and instructional materials. The program price for 2004 was approximately US \$365. The students were responsible for travel to and from Germany as well as travel and personal activities inside of Germany before and following the program, any lodging not connected with the program, and travel documents, e.g. passport. No visa is required for this program in Germany. Anyone interested in future trips should contact Harding at 843-661-1603, by email at [gharding@fmarion.edu](mailto:gharding@fmarion.edu).





## New Forest Villas apartments get high marks from residents

This fall, Francis Marion University opened its new student housing, the Forest Villas apartments.

The complex includes three, three-story apartment buildings and a community center located on the southeast side of the campus adjacent to Belle Isle, Snow Island and Ellen C. Watson residence halls.

The three buildings consist of 57 four-bedroom apartment units, three two-bedroom units and three one-bedroom units, capable of housing 237 residents.

Large single bedrooms each have a full bed, four-drawer chest, closet, study desk and chair. Each four-bedroom apartment has two full bathrooms. Each apartment

has a shared living area with an entertainment center stand, upholstered sofa, chair, and end tables.

The apartments also have a shared dining area with dining table and chairs. A fully equipped kitchen including stove, microwave, refrigerator with icemaker, dishwasher, and garbage disposal are provided.

According to senior Gabriel Brown of Kingstree, the dishwasher is "what really sets the new apartments apart from the old ones."

"When you have four people, there can be a lot of dishes," he said. "It's so much easier to just load up the dishwasher than to have to do the dishes."

Brown added that the bedrooms and beds are bigger, and having two bathrooms is a welcome bonus.

The apartments are also equipped with individual phone jacks, cable TV access, high-speed Internet access, and



*Forest Villas apartments*

access to the university computer network – all included in lease. Basic utilities are also included in lease.

The community center has spaces suitable for social functions, meetings and recreation. It is furnished with couches, loveseats, chairs, a large-screen TV and music systems. There is a well-equipped fitness room, an enclosed mail pick-up area and laundry facilities. A sand volleyball court and grilling areas are adjacent to the community center.

Students are very happy with their new digs, according to Terry Walsh, director of housing and residence life. "They love the amenities, such as full-size beds, dishwashers and garbage disposals," she said. "The apartments are all-around nicer, and the kids are excited about that."

More apartments will be added in the near future during phase two of the student housing construction project.



*Interior view of Forest Villas community center.*

## FMU receives Beta Gamma Sigma Premier Chapter award

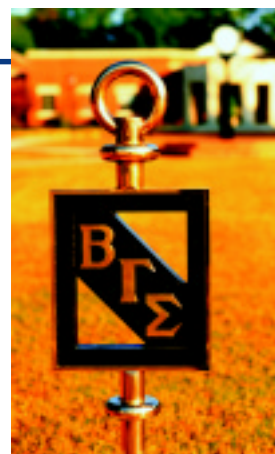
The Francis Marion University collegiate chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, a business honor society, has been recognized as a Premier Chapter for its superior level of membership acceptance and promotional activities during the 2003-2004 academic year.

By receiving the Premier Chapter award, the FMU chapter is being recognized for its high level of success in recruiting top business students into the society. Each year, collegiate Beta Gamma Sigma chapters extend invitations to the top 7 percent of business juniors, the upper 10 percent of business seniors, and the highest 20 percent of business graduate students. Chapters granted Premier status have had at least 85 percent of their invitations accepted by their top undergraduate and graduate level students. Acceptance rates are taken from the 2003-2004 school year, from which collegiate chapters were required to submit information before being considered a Premier Chapter.

According to information submitted by the FMU chapter, 85 percent of invited students chose to join Beta Gamma Sigma in 2003-2004.

With Premier Chapter status, the FMU BGS collegiate chapter will now be eligible to award a \$1,000 Beta Gamma Sigma scholarship in the 2005-2006 academic year. The chapter is also pre-qualified for consideration as an Outstanding Chapter, the highest honor attainable by a collegiate chapter. Francis Marion University's Beta Gamma Sigma chapter will also receive a certificate recognizing its Premier accomplishments.

Of the 417 Beta Gamma Sigma chapters currently established on college and university campuses, only 62 were recognized as a Premier Chapter in 2004.



*Business honor key on the FMU campus.*





*From left: Sam Chandler, Dr. Carter and Yvonne Davis after the awards banquet.*

## Chandler, Davis are outstanding employees

Sammie Chandler and Yvonne Davis, both of Florence, have been named outstanding staff employees of the year at Francis Marion University.

The awards were presented July 21 during the staff awards luncheon, which also honored FMU employees for length of state service.

Chandler is a central receiving/warehouse assistant in the physical plant, and Davis is coordinator of monographs and electronic resources in Rogers Library.

Chandler has been employed at FMU for 14 years and Davis for 23 years. Both were cited for their dedication to their jobs and for service above and beyond the call of duty.

President Carter presented Chandler and Davis with plaques and \$1,000 checks in recognition of winning this annual award for FMU employees.

Seven employees were recognized for 30 years of state service. They are: H. Paul Dove Jr. of Marion, dean of Rogers Library; Joyce M. Durant of Florence, acquisitions librarian, Rogers Library; Joseph E. Heyward of Florence, vice president for student affairs; Nancy A. Jeffords of Florence, systems support technician, Rogers Library; Yvette H. Pierce of Florence, assistant reference librarian, Rogers Library; Patricia T. Pigatt of Florence, circulation manager, Rogers Library; and Travis W. Ragsdale of Florence, laboratory manager, Chemis-

try Department.

Employees honored for 20 years of service include: Ronald P. Flowers of Hartsville, director of purchasing; A. Chris Pompey of Darlington, central receiving/warehouse specialist; W. Calvin Thompson of Latta, superintendent of custodial services; and Bradley W. Wofford of Aynor, director of the media center.

Employees recognized for 10 years of service were: Richard J. Austin of Florence, director, Department of Public Safety; Randy D. Cooper of Marion, craftsman in the physical plant; Eric L. Garriss of Marion, associate director of financial information, business affairs; Earl J. Glenn of Florence, captain, Department of Public Safety; Lula M. Hayden of Florence, lead custodian, Physical Plant; Donald L. Jackson of Hartsville, accountant, business affairs; Marcia V. Johnson of Marion, lead custodian, Physical Plant; Karl D. McAlister of Dillon, library technical assistant, Rogers Library; Eunice I. Rabon of Marion, director of publications and printing; and M. Arleen Waters of Florence, accounting assistant, business affairs.

Four employees retiring from FMU were also recognized—Owen M. Martin of Florence, 32 years; Flora S. James of Florence, 31 years; Nyrita J. Myers of Florence, 29 years; and Sarah H. Brown of Florence, 26 years.



*From left: Gov. Sanford, David Stroup, Carolyn Stroup and Fred Carter.*

## Stroup wins award for Excellence in Science

Biology professor David J. Stroup received the Governor's Award for Excellence in Science during a ceremony at the governor's office in Columbia, Aug. 13.

The award was established in 1985 by the Drug Science Foundation to honor an individual or team within the state whose achievements and contributions to science in South Carolina merit special recognition, and to promote wider awareness of the quality and extent of scientific activity in South Carolina.

Since 1989, the award has been under joint sponsorship of the governor's office, the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, and the S.C. Academy of Science. Industries have also joined as sponsors, including Roche Carolina Inc. of Florence and MeadWestvaco of Charleston.

Two awards are given annually, with one being for scientific discovery and the other for scientific awareness. Stroup received the award for scientific awareness. John Baynes of the University of South Carolina received the award for scientific discovery.

The award consists of an honorarium and a framed certificate, which is presented at an awards ceremony in conjunction with the S.C. Academy of Science's annual meeting. A separate awards ceremony is held at the governor's office.

Stroup became president of the S.C. Academy of Science in July, and was recently named the Palmetto Professor of Biology at FMU. He has been a biology professor at FMU since 1987.

He earned the B.S. degree in biology from the University of Akron and the Ph.D. degree in biology from West Virginia University.



## Two new members join student affairs staff

Two new staff members have joined the Student Affairs office at Francis Marion University.

S. Leigh Bostick has been named coordinator for student life and LaTasha Brand, an FMU alumna, has been named assistant dean of students.

Bostick's responsibilities include providing leadership for students, clubs and organizations; coordinating programs to enhance the life of students; and promoting student life activities. She will also serve as an adviser to the NPC Greek organizations on campus, and coordinate activities for the University Programming Board.

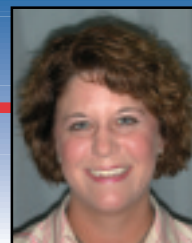
Bostick, of Pamplico, comes to FMU from the banking industry. She most recently worked as a private banking sales assistant for the National Bank of South Carolina in Charleston. Prior to

that, she held positions at Branch Banking and Trust Co. in Charleston and Central Carolina Bank in Durham and Burlington, N.C.

She graduated from the College of Charleston in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in communications and plans to continue her work toward an M.B.A. degree from FMU.

Brand's responsibilities include providing direction to various student leadership programs; coordinating activities involving various offices, including Student Life, Multicultural Affairs, Housing, and Campus Recreation; providing advocacy for students; and serving as a student conduct officer.

Brand, of North Charleston, most recently worked as an appeals and denials administrator with the Hill-Rom Co. in Charleston.



Bostick



Brand

She graduated from FMU in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in English. While a student at FMU, she served as president of the Student Government Association.

Both positions report to the dean of students, Darryl Bridges.

## Brown to coordinate international studies

Scott S. Brown has been named coordinator of international studies at FMU, effective January 2005.

Brown, an assistant professor of geography at FMU since 1999, will replace history professor John Britton in the post.

Brown will oversee the international studies major and minor/collaterals; chair the International Studies Committee; advise university officials on international studies issues; promote international studies both on and off campus; maintain and expand international exchange opportunities for FMU students and faculty; and coordinate the activities of university liaisons with exchange institutions.

FMU currently has student exchange programs with universities in Germany, New Zealand, Australia, Mexico, England and France.

Brown earned the B.A. degree in geography from the University of Texas at Austin, the M.S. degree in geography from Universidad de Costa Rica, and the Ph.D. degree in geography from Louisiana State University.

"As a geographer, I take great pride in helping students become knowledgeable and appreciative of cultures around the world," Brown said. "I look forward to overseeing the international studies program at FMU, as well as promoting and expanding the international exchange programs and other study abroad opportunities."



Brown

## Britton's research published by Harvard Business School

Francis Marion University history professor John A. Britton and professor Jorma Ahvenainen of the University of Jyväskylä in Finland have completed a unique collaboration in the field of global business and communications history.

Britton and Ahvenainen pooled their research for what eventually became the article titled "Showdown in South America: James Scrymser, John Pender, and United States-British Cable Competition," which appeared earlier this year in the *Business History Review*, a professional journal published by the Harvard Business School.

Britton is an FMU Board of Trustees Research Scholar and Gasque Professor of History and has produced several publications in the field of communications history. Ahvenainen is the author of three books on submarine cable history and recently retired as professor of history at the University of Jyväskylä.

The two historians have been working collaboratively since 1998. In 2002, they attended the symposium "Submarine Cables: Prelude to the Internet" hosted by the Dibner Institute of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. This symposium

included participants from the Sorbonne, the London School of Economics and Political Science, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the U.S.

State Department, Roosevelt University, Texas A & M University, and George Washington University.

"A decisive but little-known chapter in the history of global communications involved the competition between two entrepreneurs headquartered in two nations that were, at least on the surface, enjoying friendly relations," said Britton. "England's Sir John Pender headed the world's largest submarine cable enterprises centering on the Eastern Telegraph Company based in London. His rival from the United States was newcomer James Scrymser, a native New Yorker who found a gap in the Pender cable empire in Chile, and in 1890-1891 moved quickly to take advantage of it."

Britton and Ahvenainen's collaborative study examines in depth the competition between Scrymser and Pender for control of international communications in Chile.



Britton



## Lasher named chair

Kevin Lasher of Florence has been named chairman of the Department of Political Science and Geography.

He replaces Neal Thigpen, who had been serving as interim chair of the department.

Lasher is an associate professor of political science at FMU. He earned the B.A. degree in psychology from Youngstown State University, and the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in political science from the University of Georgia.

Prior to coming to FMU in 1993, Lasher was an instructor of political science at Lakeland Community College in Mentor, Ohio, and McKendree College in Japan. He was also a teaching assistant at UGA, and a research assistant for Georgia's Center for East-West Trade Policy.

His research interests include democratization in Russia, women and U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-Japanese security issues, and institutional effectiveness and assessment.

Lasher is a member of several university committees and has published numerous scholarly papers. He is a member of the South Carolina Political Science Association and Pi Sigma Alpha, a political science honor society.



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## Lee named associate dean of education

Jackson (Jeff) Lee Jr. of Florence has been named associate dean of FMU's School of Education.

He has been a professor of education at FMU since 1972 and is also the Philip N. Truluck Professor

of Public Policy at the university. He served as director of the Pee Dee Math/Science Hub from 1993 to 2004.

Lee earned the A.B. degree in science education, the M.A.T. degree in biology, and the Ed.D. degree in curriculum and instruction from Duke University.

He was named FMU's Distinguished Professor in 1992.

He has published several journal articles and presented numerous papers at professional conferences. He has also received a number of grants, served on and chaired many university committees, and served as a consultant to various educational organizations.

Lee is a member of several professional organizations, including the National Science Teachers Association, the South Carolina Science Council, and the National Staff Development Council. He founded and served as president of the College and University Science and Mathematics Educators.



*Lee*

## McDill takes accounting post

M. Augustus (Gus) McDill of Florence has been appointed assistant vice president for accounting.

He replaces Sarah H. Brown who retired recently after 27 years at FMU.



*McDill*

In this position, McDill is responsible for much of the university's business operations, including accounts payable, accounts receivables, financial reporting and accounting services.

"Gus McDill has a wealth of experience in financial management, and I'm pleased that he has accepted our offer to manage this function at Francis Marion," said Jay Kispert, vice president for business affairs.

For 16 years, McDill was controller at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. He also has served as controller at English Park Medical Center in Marion and accounting manager at Chester County Hospital and Nursing Center.

A native of Chester, McDill studied business at York Technical College and earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Winthrop College in 1984. He served in the Army Reserve National Guard from 1970 to 1976.

He is married and has two children.

## Koltonski is facilities management director

Frank J. Koltonski of Lumberton has been named director of facilities management at FMU.

Koltonski replaces Owen M. (Mitch) Martin who retired after serving FMU for 32 years.

A native of Youngstown, Ohio, Koltonski oversees operation of the university's physical plant, including new construction, building maintenance, custodial services and grounds maintenance.

"I'm delighted to get someone with Frank Koltonski's experience to manage

our campus facilities," said Jay Kispert, vice president for business affairs. "He brings a solid background in facility operations and maintenance, energy management, capital projects management, planning and budget administration."

Koltonski most recently was regional engineer and facilities manager for EMC Corp. (formerly Data General Corp.) with campuses in Apex and the Research



*Koltonski*

Triangle Park in North Carolina and Duluth, Ga. He also has held similar positions with Converse, Inc., in Lumberton, Day Engineering in Charlotte and Tultex Corp. of Martinsville, Va.

Koltonski earned a bachelor's degree in aerospace technology/engineering from Kent State University in Ohio and a master's degree in architectural engineering from North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro.

He and his wife Joan have four children and one grandchild.



## Spanish professor publishes first book

Francis Marion University assistant professor of Spanish Wendy Caldwell has published her first book, "Narrative Voices and the Liberation Movement in the Mexican State of Chiapas."

The book focuses on a series of "indigenista" novels of Chiapas, Mexico, published between 1957 and 1994 and examines their portrayal of particular social, political, and economic realities that continue to have a negative impact on contemporary Mexican society, specifically Chiapas. With the 1994 uprising led by the Zapatista Army of National Liberation (EZLN), Chiapas has become a global symbol for the marginalized voices that struggle to gain a legitimate space in society.

The novels treated in the book outline the context that led to the EZLN's insurgency and, from this narrative sequence, a liberationist discourse emerges that reflects the ideas of Liberation Theology and its solidarity with the

poor. The book does not set out to offer solutions to a most complex dilemma; rather, its purpose is to raise consciousness and critical reflection. It is presented within an interdisciplinary context and, therefore, lends itself to a variety of disciplines.

"Fiction often provides insights into pivotal political events that are not available through other sources," states FMU history professor John Britton in the preface of the book. "Professor Wendy Caldwell's study of recent Chiapanecan fiction is an excellent example. Her examination of this body of work is a valuable contribution to the understanding of the origins of one of the seminal events in contemporary Mexico."

Caldwell teaches Spanish and Latin American literature at FMU. She received the B.A. degree in Spanish and English from the College of Charleston, the M.A. degree in Spanish from the University of South Carolina, and the



Caldwell

Ph.D. degree in Romance Languages from the University of Georgia. She has traveled to Chiapas, and participated in the 2002 Maya Worlds Summer Seminar sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The book is published by The Edwin Mellen Press.

## Lockyer publishes second book about Maine

Francis Marion University geography professor Allan Lockyer has published his second book, "Imagining Maine – Essays and Stories."

"Imagining Maine" is an eclectic mix of essays and stories written over the past decade and a half. Many of the essays are collected from "The Downeast Coastal Press," a weekly newspaper in Cutler, Maine, that Lockyer has written for since 1988.

Since 1973, Lockyer has spent his summers in a rustic camp on Jones Pond in West Gouldsboro, Maine. "I like to tell people that I work in South Carolina, but live in Maine," he said.

"'Imagining Maine' is a memoir about how I became the eccentric and reclusive geographer that I am, living summers the past 30 years in the Maine woods without electricity, telephone, or indoor plumbing," Lockyer said. "It's about the two places I live and work (Maine and South Carolina), and Ireland and Mexico, two other places where I've done field research. The book explores the similarities and differences between Maine and these other places."

The book includes humorous essays such as "Rednecks" and "Falling in Love with Wal-Mart." There are also pieces on Lockyer's experiences as a college professor and his love of long-distance running. The longest essay in the book is about Michoacan, the Mexican state that sends more than half its population to work in the United States, especially Maine and South Carolina.

Lockyer is also the author of "Clamdiggers and Downeast Country Stores: Eastern Maine's Vanishing Culture," which placed sixth on the Maine Writers and Publishers Bestseller List in 1994.

He received a bachelor's degree from Southern Arkansas University, a master's degree from Western Kentucky University, and a doctorate from the University of Northern Colorado. He has been a professor at FMU since 1986.

"Imagining Maine" is published by Berry Cove Publishing Co. of Lamoine, Maine.



Lockyer and friend as pictured on the back of his newly published book.



## Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation contributes \$250,000 for nursing scholarships, NPLI

The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation has donated \$200,000 to Francis Marion University to continue funding the nursing scholarships it established in 1998.

The money will be used to renew scholarships for eligible students and attract new students to the nursing program, which is a cooperative effort between FMU and the Medical University of South Carolina. Scholarships are offered to academically qualified students who enter FMU as pre-nursing students. After completing 60 hours of prerequisite courses, students are eligible to apply for admission to the upper division nursing program.

Students from Florence, Darlington, Dillon, Marion, Williamsburg, Clarendon and Marlboro counties are eligible for the scholarships. Students who maintain the required grade point average may renew the scholarship for subsequent years.

During the 2003-04 academic year, 37 FMU students and 32 MUSC BSN students received assistance from the scholarships.

The bachelor of science nursing program is in the process of being transferred from MUSC to FMU, and a new facility to house the program will be built thanks to a \$5 million gift from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation earlier this year.

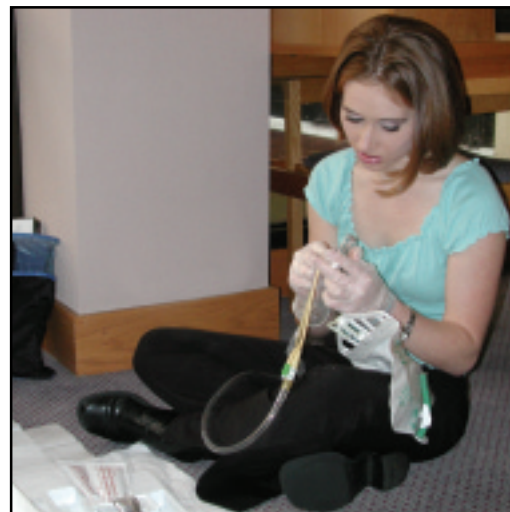
The foundation has also donated \$50,000 this year to support the third year of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at FMU.

The foundation has funded the institute from its inception, providing a \$15,000 grant for a feasibility study, and \$75,000 to support the institute in each of its first two years.

The mission of the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation is "to

advance the general welfare and quality of all life in the Florence, S.C. area by providing economic support to qualified programs and non-profit organizations."

"Francis Marion University is indebted to the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation for its generous



*A student enrolled in the nursing program at FMU practices a catheterization procedure as part of her training.*

support of the nursing program over the years," said FMU president Fred Carter. "Not only does the foundation provide desperately needed scholarship support for our nursing students, but it is providing funding for a new building to house the only bachelor of science nursing program in the Pee Dee. The foundation's generosity is not only a benefit to FMU and its students, but to the entire local medical community."

## Psaras Foundation makes \$100,000 grant to support the university's Non-Profit Leadership Institute

The Psaras Foundation of Columbia has awarded a \$100,000 challenge grant to Francis Marion University to support the Non-Profit Leadership Institute and to help take the program statewide.

The grant will be awarded in \$25,000 increments over the next four years and is contingent upon the university raising \$2,000 in matching funds.

"We are extremely grateful to the Psaras Foundation for supporting the Non-Profit Leadership Institute," said FMU President Fred Carter. "It's another signal that this program is important to non-profit leadership inside as well as outside the Pee Dee region."

FMU's Non-Profit Leadership Institute was established in 2002 to provide a higher level of professional development for the non-profit sector of the Pee Dee region. The Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation urged the creation of this leadership training program and annually funded its development.

In 2002, the Psaras Foundation provided a \$10,000 grant as

seed money to help get the program started. The \$100,000 grant from the Psaras Foundation will help expand the program statewide.

About 25 participants from non-profit organizations have participated in training programs for each of the first two years. Training sessions are held in one- or two-day periods, beginning each fall and continuing for seven months.

Topics include leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development, including board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU institute.

For more information about the Non-Profit Leadership Institute, contact the FMU Foundation at 843-661-1481.



## FMU Center of Excellence to help educators teach children of poverty

Francis Marion University has been awarded a five-year, \$700,000 grant from the S.C. Commission on Higher Education to start a Center of Excellence to prepare teachers of children of poverty.

The purpose of the center is to increase the achievement of children of poverty by improving the quality of undergraduate teacher preparation, graduate teacher preparation, and the professional development of in-service teachers.

Five universities applied for the grant, and FMU was the only one to receive priority full funding. Francis Marion has pledged to continue the program beyond the five years covered by the grant. Some of the center's programs have already begun.

"Poverty remains the greatest barrier to educational access and achievement in this state," said FMU president Fred



Pawloski

become the premier resource in South Carolina for helping teachers learn how to provide a high-quality education for all children of poverty.

"Poverty as a risk factor has received very little attention by educators, researchers, and political leaders," said Ron Faulkenberry, dean of FMU's School of Education. "This is what makes this

center exciting. Our focus will be on preparing teachers to deal with the special needs of children living in poverty. This Center of Excellence will have a significant impact on FMU, Pee Dee area schools, and the students we serve."

Tammy Pawloski, associate professor of education at FMU, is the center's director.

"The Center of Excellence will afford FMU the opportunity to truly make a difference in terms of the practices and strategies that are implemented around our state and throughout our nation," said Pawloski.

"Our goal is to use both the knowledge of experienced and successful practitioners, as well as existing research evidence to develop specific training programs for pre- and in-service teachers that will best meet every child's needs, regardless of their economic background."

FMU will work with an impressive set of partners to achieve these goals, beginning with the 18 school districts in the Pee Dee region. Three "partner" districts – Darlington County, Dillon 2

community resources; develop a master's degree program which leads to South Carolina certification as a Teacher of Children of Poverty; and



*The new Center of Excellence will prepare teachers of children of poverty*

and Marion 1 – will be intimately involved with, and contribute to, the activities of the center.

"We are very excited for all of the school districts involved," said Ray Rogers, superintendent of Dillon 2. "This was a huge collaborative effort. I don't know what the school districts of the Pee Dee would do without Francis Marion University."

The university will also work with the Pee Dee Education Center, as well as two existing COEs: the COE for the Education and Equality of African-American Students at Benedict College, and the COE in Accelerated Learning at the College of Charleston.

"The Center of Excellence marks a new chapter in the history of cooperation between FMU and the school districts in the Pee Dee," said Tom Truitt, executive director of the Pee Dee Education Center. "The grant will improve the quality of education for Pee Dee students and make FMU the premier university in the south for preparing teachers to deal with children of poverty."

Francis Marion will also partner with the S.C. Center for Educator Recruitment, Retention and Advancement (CERRA) at Winthrop University, and the National Center for the Education of Students at Risk (CRESPAR) at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md.

Primary activities of the center will include revising FMU's undergraduate teacher education program; training teachers to use research; linking research directly with professional development; helping teachers understand parents who live in poverty and the resources available to them; and seeking state certification for graduates of a to-be-developed master's degree program.

For more information, contact Pawloski at 843-661-1475.



*Students in FMU's teacher education program practice their lesson plans on fellow students.*

Carter. "This center will provide teachers and parents a better understanding of the challenges and opportunities attendant to teaching those who are denied so much."

The center's five major goals are to: design and implement teacher education programs that enable graduates to effectively teach children of poverty; provide high-quality professional development programs; equip teachers with the knowledge and skills needed to work effectively with parents and



## Three new members join FMU Foundation Board

Three Florence businessmen have joined the Francis Marion University Foundation Board of Directors.

Jesse Franklin Bullard III, Reamer Benjamin King and James F. O'Loughlin officially joined the board July 1.

They replace O.S. "Sandy" Aiken Jr. and C.B. Askins, who each served the maximum nine years on the board, and Jay Vinson, who served eight years on the board and resigned due to his appointment as a Family Court Judge.

The Francis Marion University Foundation was organized in 1974 to provide a means for soliciting and accepting substantial gifts of money or property in order to build an endowment fund that would promote the educational purpose and welfare of Francis Marion University.

Bullard is the regional president – coastal region for BB&T bank. He is a member of the Foundation Boards for

Florence School District 1 and Florence-Darlington Technical College. He is also a member of the executive board of the Pee Dee Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the MUSC Children's Hospital Advisory Fund Board, and the Florence Rotary Club. He and his wife, Nancy, have three children.

"Frank Bullard and BB&T have been major supporters of FMU, financially and otherwise, and I look forward to working with him in this new capacity," said FMU president Fred Carter. "We are fortunate to have such a dedicated partner join our foundation board."

King is the president and owner of King Cadillac Buick Pontiac GMC Inc. in Florence. He is a board member of BB&T bank, and a member of the West Florence Rotary Club and Central United Methodist Church. He and his wife, Betty Gail, have three grown children.

"Reamer King has demonstrated his

commitment to FMU in numerous ways over the years. He truly cares about the community and this university," Carter said. "He brings valuable experience to the foundation board."

O'Loughlin is the chief executive officer of Carolinas Hospital. He is a member of the United Way, Boys and Girls Club, Boy Scouts of America, Florence-Darlington Technical College, Chamber of Commerce, and YMCA boards. He is also a co-chair of the Relay for Life, and a member of the American College of Health Care Executives and the Florence Rotary Club. He and his wife, Helen, have two children.

"Since his arrival in Florence in 2002, Jim O'Loughlin has immersed himself in the community," Carter said. "His expertise and leadership skills will be a valuable asset to the FMU Foundation."

## Dowd named vice president for development

John P. (Jay) Dowd of Columbia has been appointed vice president for development at FMU.

In making the announcement, FMU President Fred Carter said Dowd also would serve as executive director of the FMU Foundation. He replaces Scott Faulkenberry, who resigned to enter private business.

"We are delighted that someone with Jay Dowd's experience will lead our fund-raising efforts," said Carter. "With his familiarity of South Carolina, and of the Pee Dee in particular, he will be a big asset to the university as we continue to seek financial support from the private sector."

A native of Bennettsville, Dowd has been vice president for advancement at Columbia College since November 2000, where he directed the college's multi-million dollar fund-raising campaign that has generated more than \$10 million of the \$25 million goal. In addition to fund-raising, he also managed the college's alumnae and public relations functions.

"I'm excited about joining the FMU community and getting back to the Pee Dee," said Dowd. "Francis Marion has made tremendous strides under Fred Carter's leadership, and I look forward to promoting the university's mission and goals to the region's business community. I'm also enthusiastic about working with the leadership of the FMU Foundation in seeking support for the university."

FMU has two years remaining in its five-year capital campaign that has reached 143 percent of goal with \$17.1 million raised to date.

Dowd, 37, also has been assistant vice chancellor for university advancement at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, vice president for institutional advancement at Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C., and associate vice president for institutional advancement at Limestone College in Gaffney.

He earned a bachelor's degree in history at Winthrop University in 1989 and a master's degree in student person-

nel services at the University of South Carolina in 1993.

Active in the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, he is co-chairing the District III program committee's philanthropy track for 2004 and 2005.

He is president of the Central Carolina Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, vice chairman of the board of Sexual Trauma Services of the Midlands, and chairman of the Commission on Education of Shandon United Methodist Church in Columbia.

He is married to the former Kim Littlefield of Scottsdale, Ariz., and they have a son, Gibson, 3, and a daughter, Brauer, 2. He is the son of J.P. Dowd Jr. of Bennettsville and Barry Gibson Webster of Roanoke, Va.



Dowd

## Locals participate in Non-Profit Leadership Institute

Thirty-three South Carolina residents are participating in the third class of the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University.

Funded by a grant from Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation and the PSARAS Foundation of Columbia, the institute provides leadership training for non-profit groups in South Carolina.

The first session of the seven-month training program was held in September. Sessions will continue through May.

Topics include leadership; program development and delivery; human resource development; engaging board members and volunteers; effective financial resource development and management; programmatic and organizational issues related to data collection and reporting; visibility, including managing external relations; and case studies.

Fred Sheheen, former commissioner and executive director of the S.C. Commission on Higher Education, is director of the FMU institute.

For more information, contact the FMU Foundation at 843-661-1481

Participants in the Non-Profit Leadership Institute at Francis Marion University include:

**(Hometown:** Name, Organization)

**Barnwell:** Gail Ness Richardson, *Greater Savannah River Community Foundation*

**Bennettsville:** Ken Harmon, *Bennettsville Downtown Development Association*

**Bishopville:** Alexis Pipkins, *Lee County First Steps*

**Charleston:** Shelli D. Quenga, *Carolina's Children Charity*; Lynn C. Greer, *Carolina Medical Assessment Center*

**Columbia:** Dolly G. Patton, *Mental Illness Recovery Center*; Bessie LeGrand, *S.C. Community Builders*; Mary S. Eaddy, *PRO-Parents of S.C.*; Irma Santana, *Acercamiento Hispano de Carolina del Sur*; Paula Millen, *S.C. Humanities Council*

**Conway:** Melissa A. Norris, *Shoreline Behavioral Health*



From left: Fred Sheheen, Mark Sobiski and Jay Dowd.

*Services*; Karen S. Cardone, *Horry County Literacy Council*; Bill Harrill, *Southern Baptist Convention*; Amy N. Breault, *Horry County First Steps*

**Darlington:** Reba Hull Campbell, *Governor's School for Science and Math Foundation*

**Florence:** Deena Hilton, *Hope Health Inc.*; Anita Case, *Hope Health Inc.*

**Georgetown:** Carol Daly, *Georgetown County First Steps*

**Hartsville:** Mamie Bostic, *Darlington County First Steps*; Mark Sobiski, *CareFIRST Carolina Foundation*

**Kingstree:** Lillie C. McGill, *Williamsburg Home Town Chamber of Commerce*; Ron Wallace, *Ron Wallace Music Ministry Foundation*

**Lake City:** Retha S. Brown, *Lake City Development Corp.*

**Latta:** Robyn Richardson, *Camp Debbie Lou*

**Longs:** Teresa Lipscomb, *SOS Health Care*

**Manning:** Ann B. Hemingway, *Clarendon County Council on Aging*; Blanche G. Odom, *Clarendon County Council on Aging*; Marcy Frierson, *Clarendon County Council on Aging*

**Myrtle Beach:** Caren Whittier, *SOS Health Care*

**Newberry:** Constance Clark Rinehart, *Gift of Life Trust Fund*

**Pawley's Island:** Elizabeth R. Marlow, *Miss Ruby's Kids*; Jo Fortuna, *Miss Ruby's Kids*

**Sumter:** Deborah K. Smith, *Sumter County DSN Board*

## Radon testing equipment donated to physics department

The Department of Physics and Astronomy has received the donation of an EG&G ORTEC Airguard Radon Monitoring System from David T. James of Oak Ridge, Tenn., in honor of his late wife, Helen James.

Mrs. James used the system to operate a commercial radon testing business until her death in 1999.

Radon, a colorless, odorless, inert gas, is one of the daughter products of the naturally occurring uranium found everywhere in the ground. Radon testing of homes before sale or purchase is

necessary in many parts of the U.S.

Testing can be accomplished by exposing a canister of activated charcoal to the ambient air in the home. Radon atoms in the air are absorbed onto the surface of the charcoal. Once resealed, the canister can be counted in the Airguard low-background counting system to detect the gamma rays emitted by the daughter products of radon.

"Francis Marion University has carried out radon surveys of many of the buildings on campus and some private homes in the surrounding communities.

This donated equipment will enable us to have a dedicated radon detection facility available throughout the year," said David Peterson, chairman of FMU's Department of Physics and Astronomy. "Our health physics majors will be able to carry out more extensive radon surveys using the Airguard system."

Health physics is the branch of physics dealing with radiation protection. FMU has had a nationally recognized health physics program since 1984.





*Sen. Leatherman makes remarks at the presentation ceremony as Dr. Wages looks on.*

The Hugh K. Leatherman Chair in Public Service has been fully funded at Francis Marion University in honor of Florence's long-time state senator.

Established in 2002, with a \$25,000 lead gift by Progress Energy Foundation to the FMU's Campaign for Excellence, the \$100,000 chair is now funded thanks to a final gift from Roche Carolina.

The endowed faculty chair in public service was created to recognize the distinguished career of Sen. Leatherman by honoring a senior faculty member who is extensively involved in community service. The chair will rotate to a

## Leatherman Chair fully funded

different individual and includes a reduction in teaching load and a stipend.

Long-time faculty member Charlene Wages, a professor of psychology, has been named the first recipient of the Leatherman Chair for an initial five-year term.

"As supporters of education, my wife Jean and I are very pleased and humbled by these generous benefactors to Francis Marion University," said Leatherman. "We are honored over the establishment of this new chair in public service, and we know that this chair will benefit thousands of our citizens and help to educate our children."

Sen. Leatherman entered public service in 1967 when he was elected to the Quinby Town Council, later serving as mayor pro tempore. He was elected to the S.C. Senate in 1981 and today is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and a member of the Budget and Control Board.

In 1955, he helped found Florence Concrete Products. Today, he is managing partner of WyBoo Investments.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Wages also has taught at Georgia State University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Morris Brown College and Spelman College. She earned a bachelor's degree at the University of Georgia and master's and doctoral degrees at Georgia State.

Active in faculty governance since her

arrival at FMU, Wages was elected chair of the faculty in 2000 and has been re-elected each year since. She stepped down from that post June 30. She was presented with the shared governance award in 2001 by FMU's chapter of the American Association of University Professors. That same year, she also received the FMU Faculty Service Award.

A charter member of FMU's Chapter of AAUP, she is serving a three-year term on that organization's National Committee on Governance. She also is a member of the American Psychological Society, Phi Kappa Phi, the S.C. Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience, the S.C. Psychological Association and the S.C. Women in Higher Education.

Gov. Mark Sanford appointed Wages to the Governor's Advisory Committee to Study the Goals of the Commission on Women. She has been a board member of the Pee Dee Alzheimer's Coalition, president of the Florence League of Women Voters and on the nominating committee for the S.C. League of Women Voters. She has served on the Florence County United Way Agency Allocations and Review Committee and on the Florence Task Force on Recycling and Waste Management.

She is currently heading up FMU's Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaccreditation study.

## Marlboro Electric Cooperative establishes scholarship

The Marlboro Electric Cooperative Inc. Endowed Scholarship has been established at Francis Marion University.

The perpetual scholarship will be endowed through an annual contribution from Marlboro Electric for five years before the first scholarship is awarded. The purpose of the scholarship is to help dependents of Marlboro Electric Cooperative members pursue and complete degree requirements at FMU.

The recipient must be a dependent of a member-owner of Marlboro Electric Cooperative from either Marlboro or Dillon counties. Preference is given to a student who has a major concentration area in undergraduate business administration or education. The recipient must have a minimum 3.0 grade-point average. Preference is given to a student who has demonstrated financial need, and the recipient is eligible for repeat awards provided all qualifications are met.

Marlboro Electric currently funds two \$1,000 per year scholarships with the same criteria. Tiffany Williams and Katie Walker are the recipients of this year's annual scholarships.

Marlboro Electric Cooperative Inc. is a consumer-owned Touchstone Energy Cooperative that provides high standards of electric and Internet services.



*From left: Melvin Carabo, Chairman of Board of Trustees of Marlboro Electric Cooperative, Tiffany Williams, Katie Walker, George McIntyre, member of FMU Board of Trustees, Jay Dowd, vice president for development and executive director of FMU Foundation.*

## Johnson named to head FMU softball program

Francis Marion University athletic officials announced on Aug. 9 the hiring of Stacey Johnson of Tampa, Fla., as the school's new head coach for women's softball.



Johnson

Johnson, 27, replaces Jack Byerley who resigned in July to take an assistant's position at Auburn University. In two seasons, Byerley guided Francis Marion to a 73-26 mark and a pair of fourth-place regular-season finishes in the highly competitive Peach Belt Conference.

Johnson comes to Francis Marion from Saint Leo University, a member of the NCAA Division II Sunshine State Conference, where she spent four seasons as an assistant coach. The Lions posted a 135-88 mark during those four years, including a national tournament appearance in 2002. She also served as the university's assistant trainer and taught as

an instructor during the 2003-04 year, and worked as an assistant strength and conditioning coach for two seasons.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Johnson was as an assistant coach at Florissant Valley Community College during the fall of 2000, after having served as player/head coach of the Pulheim (Germany) Gophers during the spring and summer of 2000.

A 1999 graduate of Barry University with a B.S. degree in sports medicine and athletic training, she was a four-year starter at third base. She helped lead the Buccaneers to the NCAA Division II national tournament each of her four years, including a second-place finish in 1998. She ended her career third on the school's games-played list.

"I am very excited about this opportunity," said Johnson. "It is not often that a person gets her first head coaching position in such an ideal situation. Coach Byerley laid a great foundation for the next coach to build upon, and I want to continue the Patriots' march up the ranks

of Division II softball."

Johnson is a member of the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, the National Strength and Conditioning Association, the National Council on Strength and Fitness, and the National Athletic Trainers Association. She is a certified strength and conditioning specialist, a certified personal trainer, and a certified athletic trainer.

During the 2004 season, FMU was 37-17 and narrowly missed earning its first-ever bid to the NCAA Division II national tournament by winning 16 of its final 19 games. The team's 37 wins were the third-most in the program's history, and FMU compiled a program-best 12 conference wins.

Johnson is the ninth head coach in the 25-year history of the FMU softball program. The program boasts an all-time mark of 687-448-3 (.605 winning percentage), including five national tournament appearances in the 1980s.

## Committee recommends exploring Division I status

A report was presented to the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees on Nov. 12 that examined the Patriot athletic program and made some recommendations about the future of the program, including changing its NCAA classification.

The report was compiled by the Athletic Study Committee, a group appointed by FMU president Fred Carter in June to study the future of FMU athletics. The report was presented as information, asking the president and athletic director for recommendations pertaining to its implementation.

After examining an extensive amount of data and discussing a wide range of topics, the group's findings focused on three main directives.

Their initial finding was that the university should explore the possibility of moving from NCAA Division II status to Division I status. This would begin by

petitioning the NCAA to move the men's golf and women's soccer teams to Division I affiliation. Once accomplished, the university would assess the success of these two programs over several years, in an effort to determine the feasibility of moving the entire 14-sport athletic program to Division I status.

This evaluation period would also allow Francis Marion additional time to upgrade facilities and enhance the operating budgets of its 14 sports in order to be competitive at the Division I level.

The committee also stated that the university's remaining 12 sports should continue to compete in the Peach Belt Conference during this transitional period, but that officials should explore (Division I) affiliation opportunities consistent with the school's changing status.

The final finding of the group was that

the university should continue at its current sponsorship of 14 sports, seven for men and seven for women. In addition to golf and women's soccer, these include baseball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's soccer, women's softball, men's and women's tennis, men's and women's track and field, and women's volleyball.

The committee included FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler, longtime university vice president Joe Heyward, graduate and FMU board of trustee member George McIntyre (chairman), and three former Patriot student-athletes: Wayne Huggins, Robert Moore, and Deborah Wall.

The committee feels this plan offers the university an opportunity to capitalize on its many past athletic successes, while building a stronger and more enduring athletic program for the future.



## DuRant athletic scholarship established

Francis Marion University athletic officials have announced the establishment of the Joseph B. DuRant Athletic Scholarship, honoring the late Florence philanthropist.

A \$50,000 donation by the DuRant family will endow the scholarship, which will assist a student-athlete at FMU. Preference will be given to student-athletes from Florence County who have attained a grade point average of 2.5 or higher. Repeat awards will be available for a recipient who meets the scholarship criteria. The amount of the scholarship will vary.

The FMU athletic program sponsors 14 intercollegiate sports, seven each for men and women. The recipient may be a member of any of the 14 squads.

The university also named its annual intercollegiate volleyball tournament in honor of DuRant, as well as placing signage honoring the Lake City native in the Smith University Center.

DuRant died in February 2003 at the age of 96. A graduate of Furman University, he taught in Florence area schools. He later became a contractor and developer. He was presented with the Order of the Palmetto in 1997, and was awarded the key to the city of Florence.

DuRant previously made several other donations to Francis Marion, including an endowed academic scholarship and real estate.

His donations also supported many Florence area organizations.

"The Patriot athletic program will greatly benefit from the generosity of the DuRant family," said FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler. "He supported the university in many different ways, and we are grateful that he decided to extend his giving to the athletic program. Gifts like this allow us to be competitive on the NCAA Division II national level."

## Huggins athletic scholarship established

Two scholarship donors were recognized by Francis Marion University at a recent gathering of the school's Board of Trustees, including the announcement of the largest one-time gift by an individual to the Patriot athletic department.

The \$100,000 donation by alumnus and Florence native Wayne Huggins will endow an athletic scholarship that will rotate on a yearly basis between baseball, men's basketball, and women's basketball. The yearly award will be named in honor of Huggins.

The gift is also the largest single gift of any type by an individual alumnus in the history of the university.

The university also recognized Pepsi Cola Bottling Company (of Florence) and its CEO Fred Avent for that organization's long-time support of Patriot athletics. Pepsi has been a supporter of many university functions and projects, and has been a scholarship donor since 1977.

Huggins was a four-year letterwinner on the first four Patriot baseball teams (1973-76), and graduated with a B.S. degree in mathematics in 1976. The former owner and operator of Carolina Medical Corp., Lease Associates, Inc., and Greenville Dialysis Center, he now resides in Myrtle Beach.

A right-handed hitting catcher, he

appeared in 125 career games and recorded a .320 career batting average with 61 runs scored, 32 doubles, four home runs, and 74 runs batted in. He was a three-time NAIA District Six All-District selection, and as a senior was named an NAIA honorable mention All-American. He was inducted into the FMU Athletic Hall of Fame in 1998.

Listed as the first-ever baseball scholarship recipient at Francis Marion, Huggins said, "This gift is a way for me to give back to the university in thanks for the opportunities Francis Marion gave to me."

"Wayne has been a loyal supporter of Francis Marion athletics for as long as I can remember," said FMU athletic director Murray Hartzler. "It is very rare that you find an individual who has a genuine fan interest and the financial resources to support a program like Wayne is able to do. He attends Patriot sporting events, and is interested in helping the program in whatever way possible. We are very appreciative for all he does for Francis Marion."

The Board of Trustees also honored the FMU coaching staff at the evening event. This past year, six different Patriot athletic teams appeared in national poll rankings.

## Two new coaches come on board



Guarneri

**Jessica Guarneri** of Piscataway, N.J., has been appointed an assistant coach for women's basketball. She recently earned a B.S. degree in marketing from Wingate University, where she was a Kodak/WBCA honorable mention All-American in 2003. Guarneri played her first three collegiate seasons at UNC Asheville, where she twice earned first-team All-Big South Conference honors, and was selected to the Big South's All-Freshman Team in 2000. She comes to FMU after serving as a student assistant coach at Wingate last season.

**Robbie Wilson** of Chattanooga, Tenn., has joined the Patriot staff as an assistant baseball coach. Wilson is a 1999 graduate of King College, where he was a four-year letterman on the baseball diamond. He earned a master's degree from East Tennessee State University in 2002. He previously served as an assistant coach at Gardner-Webb University and King College, worked as sports editor and writer for The Chattanooga.com, and served one year as assistant to the general manager of the Johnson City Cardinals minor league baseball organization.



Wilson

## Dear Alumni,

I had a minor in philosophy in my undergraduate studies, so forgive me when I tell you I want to write about the "meaning of life." OK, I won't try to compete with Rick Warren, writer of the extremely popular, "The Purpose-Driven Life;" but I do have something to say about the question of: "Who Am I?"

I am, in part, the sum of my experiences.... We all are. Our own personal histories affect how we see ourselves, others around us, and our circumstances. My own story is unique, and it gives shape and rich meaning to the question of who I am. However, even though I am unique, what allows me to connect with other people are those things that I have in common with them.


I have something in common with you. I have my experience as an FMU graduate. Like you, at least part of my education took place on the grounds of the FMU campus. Like you, I learned from experienced, dedicated members of

the FMU faculty; and like you, I met students at FMU who are now lifelong friends. My experience at FMU has helped to shape who I am, as is the case for all of us. I am grateful to FMU for the role it has played in my life, and I am honored to have the opportunity to continue to support FMU as a member of the Alumni Association.

If you are not yet a member, don't let another day go by without joining the Alumni Association. Support FMU, so you not only can be part of an institution that has shaped who you are; but also, so you can participate in the development of a university that has the potential to shape

the lives of generations of students in the future.

Sincerely,



Cathy Lee  
President, Alumni Association



Cathy Lee at the oyster roast held Oct. 21, 2004 at The Cottage.

## Baseball Alumni Reunion

Former Patriots of FMU's baseball program returned to campus for a reunion Oct. 2-3. Twenty-two former players and their families participated in a fun-filled weekend. The kick-off event was a golf outing at Traces Golf Club in Florence. On Saturday night, the group enjoyed dinner and fellowship at Florence's Redbone Alley. Culminating the weekend was a baseball game on Sunday between the former players and the current squad.





## Faile named Journalist of the Year

By Todd J. Hudak

Jim Faile, managing editor of *The (Hartsville) Messenger*, was named South Carolina's weekly Journalist of the Year at the South Carolina Press Association's annual meeting in February.

Faile graduated from FMU in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in political science. After a year of law school at the University of South Carolina, Faile decided he wanted to be a journalist and returned to FMU to study mass communication.

FMU did not have a mass communication major at the time, but Faile took every course offered except one. "Basically I just wanted to get some journalism courses under my belt," he said.

While at Francis Marion, Faile served an internship as an editorial writer at the *(Florence) Morning News*. From there, he became a general assignment reporter for the *News & Press* in Darlington in 1984, and was promoted to editor in 1994. In 1993-94, he was named the FMU Pee Dee Newspaper Reporter of the Year.

He joined *The Messenger* staff in 1998 as a senior staff reporter, and was named managing editor a year later.

During his 20-year newspaper career, Faile has won numerous South Carolina Press Association awards in almost every news category, but said he is particularly humbled to be named Journalist of the Year. "It's nice when your peers look at your body of work and say 'This is good work,'" he said.

Faile said his most memorable story was the Darlington County school desegregation case, which he covered over a period of years.

"It was a challenge because it was such a complicated issue and it had such a big impact on the public school system here," he said.

"I've known Jim for 10 years, and he has always been objective about all issues, fair, truthful, honest and helpful," said Rainey Knight, Darlington School District superintendent and a former member of the FMU Board of Trustees. "He has always been genuinely interested



Photo courtesy of The Messenger.

*South Carolina Weekly Journalist of the Year Jim Faile, center, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Faile Sr. of Hartsville, at the South Carolina Press Association awards luncheon.*

in education and this community."

Faile also covered a \$48 million school bond referendum. "His reporting clearly played a critical role in the successful passage of the referendum, which voters approved by a vote of 65.5 percent," said Graham Osteen, editor and publisher of *The Messenger*.

With all of his professional accomplishments, the Hartsville native has received several offers over the years to go to larger weekly and daily newspapers, but he has turned them all down.

"First of all, this is home, and that's where I want to be," he said. "I read somewhere once that the opportunity to be a newspaper editor in your hometown is something that rarely comes along."

He added that he likes the atmosphere of working at a small weekly. "It's more of a grassroots, community feel at a weekly paper. I like the sense that the work I'm doing is adding something to the community. You can see the results up close when you write a story that

makes a difference."

"I know so many of my readers personally," he continued. "I see them in restaurants and the grocery store."

Faile said his time at FMU prepared him well for his career as a journalist. He particularly remembers classes with political science professor Neal Thigpen, and the influence of his academic adviser, Eileen Kirley-Tallon.

"Dr. Beverly Spears, who oversaw the mass comm program when I was in it, was also a tremendous influence on me," Faile said. "She was the one who arranged for me to get an internship as an editorial writer with the *Florence Morning News*."

"I appreciate the opportunity that my education at FMU has afforded me over the years," he said. "I'm proud to be a graduate and I'm proud of the institution."

*The Messenger contributed to this story.*

## Advisory Board welcomes new members

The Francis Marion University Alumni Association Advisory Board organizes and governs the various activities of the Alumni Association and advises the Association on ways in which it can effectively serve and promote the university. The 25-member board meets four times a year on campus. Its members serve two-year terms. As of July 1, 2004, the Advisory Board welcomed the following new members: **Bob Barnett** '91, Florence, Sales Representative, Hyman Paper & Chemical Company; **Ellen G. "Egi" Oakman-Black** '97, Florence, National Sales Manager, Cumulus Broadcasting; **Craig Dooley** '91, Columbia, Field Service Engineer, Perkin Elmer Instruments; **Dr. Edwin Gandy** '84, Florence, Staff Emergency Physician, Carolinas Hospital System; **Perry Grice** '88 & '96, Marion, Vice President/Co-owner, Grice's Men's Wear; **Rainey Laliberté** '88, Florence,

Director of Young to Middle Adult Ministries, Central United Methodist Church; **Gary Matthews** '87, Florence, Product Manager, Hilex Poly - formerly a division of Sonoco; **Arthur Moore** '90, Florence, Investment Representative, Edward D. Jones & Company; **Melvin Poole** '73, Rock Hill, Manager/Owner, Liberty Tax Office; **Johnny Stoupenos** '78, Florence, Project Manager, ACS Technologies; **Travis Ward** '86, Florence, Bristol-Myers Squibb; **Leigh Anne Britt Watford** '94, Hartsville, Safety Manager, Georgia-Pacific/Dixie Products.

Other members serving the 2003-2005 term:

**H. Dennis Bates** '79  
**Dr. Shirley Bausmith** '91, '94  
**N. Dwayne Brockington** '93  
**Vivian L. Gallman** '85  
 (Vice President)  
**Brandie O. Hayes** '01

**Robert F. Hyman III** '77  
**Pamela Jacobs** '85  
**Karen Leatherman** '80  
**Cathy Lee** '87 (President)  
**M. Glenn Odom** '76  
**Kim Turbeville** '95  
**Julian M. Young** '76  
 (Secretary/Treasurer)



*Many thanks for dedicated service to our most recent outgoing members of the Alumni Advisory Board. Pictured are Skip Crosland '93, Jamie Grimsley '77, Vi Hendley '80, '84, Darrell Jameson '95, '02, Stephen Jones '88, Christine Kunkle '99, and Debbie Orander '84. Not pictured are Scott Anderson '98, Melonie Gordon '95, '98, Abby Grainger '89, Dudley Harrington '91, '00, and David Jones '76.*

## Vinson appointed Family Court judge

FMU alumnus Jay Vinson has been appointed a Family Court judge for the 12th Judicial Circuit.



Vinson

Vinson, 44, was elected to the post by the state legislature in February.

"It's a privilege to have the opportunity to serve the state in this capacity," Vinson said. "I am pleased to now be able to help people from the other side of the bench."

The Camden native graduated from FMU in 1981 with a B.S. degree in biology, before earning his law degree from the University of South Carolina in 1985.

Following graduation from law school, Vinson clerked for 12th Circuit Court Judge John

H. Waller, who is now a S.C. State Supreme Court justice.

Jay and his wife, Flo Lester Vinson, were partners in the Vinson Law Firm prior to his joining the firm of McDougall & Self L.L.P.

Vinson has maintained strong ties to FMU since his graduation, serving as a member and president of the FMU Alumni Association, and as a member of the FMU Foundation Board of Directors.

He has also served on the Board of Directors for the Florence Symphony Orchestra, the Master Works Choir and the Florence Kiwanis Club.

"FMU presents a unique opportunity to get an education," he said. "The small class sizes and one-on-one attention are a great benefit."

The Vinsons live in Florence.

## Senior Salute

On Oct. 11, the Patriot Bookstore and the FMU Offices of Career Development, Counseling & Testing, the Registrar, and Alumni Affairs sponsored a Senior Salute for December 2004 graduation candidates. Senior Salute was a "one-stop shopping opportunity" in the Smith University Center Commons from 1 to 5 p.m. where seniors could take care of all their graduation needs. At the Salute, candidates:

- Confirmed names for diploma and graduation programs
- Verified permanent mailing addresses and email addresses
- Got their commencement questions answered
- Purchased caps and gowns
- Ordered graduation announcements
- Ordered class rings
- Purchased diploma frames
- Registered with the Office of Career Development
- Got tips on handling "graduation anxiety" from the Office of Counseling and Testing
- Learned about the benefits of Alumni Association membership
- Enjoyed refreshments
- And registered for door prizes!



An FMU senior chooses her ring.



## FMU On the Road

This fall, the FMU Alumni Office traveled to three major cities to bring Francis Marion to the communities in which our alumni reside. Area alumni lunches were held in Columbia, Charleston, and Charlotte. Bringing remarks to the Columbia luncheon was 1984 FMU alumnus and past chair of the university's Board of Trustees, Jay Courie. Charleston area graduates enjoyed a presentation by the S.C. Department of Transportation on the replacement of the Cooper River Bridge. In Charlotte, Mayor Pro Tem Patrick Cannon talked about the importance of community volunteerism and opportunities for entrepreneurship. Alumni enjoyed great food and door prizes while meeting and networking with fellow FMU graduates, faculty, staff, and business leaders.



*On the left are door prize winners Chad Burgess '95, Dana Burgess '94, Leslie Coonfield '99 and Phillip Coonfield '98 at the Columbia alumni luncheon.*



*From left; John Thomas '73, Kelly Sellers '92 and Skip Crosland '93 pose for a snapshot at the Columbia event.*



*Deep in conversation at the Columbia luncheon are R. Tracy Freeman '92, Ronald Gordon '91, Paul Romano '95 and Andrew Abrams '95.*



*From left: Greg Stafford '86, Curtis Joyner '86 and Dr. Debbie Holly '75 won prizes at the Charleston event.*



*Matthew Taylor, Student Alumni Association member, chats with Bridget Flaherty '04 and Charles Bruce '03 of Charleston.*



*Alumni Association President Cathy Lee '87 and Jay Courie '84 in Columbia.*



*Jay Dowd, A. Loran "Goose" Adams '83, Mazen Cotran '90, John Thomas '73, Libby Cooper and Terry Williams '77 dining at the Columbia event.*



*From left, back row: Noble Thomas, Anthony Ancrum '96, Melvin Poole '73, Alfonzo Granham '86, Tony Baker '95, William Frasier '02; front row: Kelly Sellers '92, Trudy McKenzie '80 and Emma Merisier '99 enjoy the lunch at Carrabba's in Charlotte.*



*Laurie and Jerry Chamness '91, '94 enjoy lunch in Charleston.*



## "After Hours at The Cottage"

On Oct. 21, the Alumni Association hosted an "After Hours at The Cottage" for FMU alumni. From 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., graduates enjoyed an oyster roast, frogmore stew, and musical entertainment. It was a great opportunity for graduates to network with fellow alumni, meet members of FMU's School of Business faculty, and informally tour the university's faculty/alumni house. Here are scenes from "After Hours."





## Author and alumnus Brad Land visits

Author and Francis Marion University graduate Brad Land returned to his alma mater in October to give a reading and answer questions about his best-selling memoir, "Goat."

The lecture was presented by the Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter Chair in English Literature at FMU and the Swamp Fox Writing Project.

Land also met with several FMU writing classes the following day.

"Goat" recounts Land's abduction by two men at a party – and the disturbingly similar hazing he endured as part of a fraternity initiation at Clemson University. "Goat" was published by Random House in 2003, has been printed in England, Australia, Holland and Italy, was excerpted in GQ magazine, and is being adapted for film by Killer Films.

USA Today praised it as a "captivating portrayal of violence" and a "sensitive coming-of-age story." A reviewer for the Boston Globe called "Goat" a story "about male sensitivity and brutality; about the fear of young death; about conscience; about courage and cowardice; and about the conflict of collective will and personal integrity."

Land received the B.A. degree in English from FMU in 1999 and the

M.F.A. degree in creative writing from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He has been a fellow at the MacDowell Colony and non-fiction editor of Third Coast at Western Michigan University.

His new book, a novel tentatively titled "Songs to Learn and Sing," will be published by Random House in spring 2006. Land's work has appeared in *Gentlemen's Quarterly*, *Third Coast*, *Rivendell*, and *Quarter After Eight*.

The Hunter Chair in English Literature was established in 1991 by three sisters – Dorothy Hunter Thames Ellis, Adelle Hunter West and Hattie Costa Hunter King – as a memorial to their parents, Jones Thomas and Carolyn Stroman Hunter.

Mr. Hunter made his life in Marion County, was once mayor of Marion, contributed to many different organizations throughout the Pee Dee area, and operated a successful automobile dealership in Florence for 40 years. Mrs. Hunter came to Marion as a school-teacher, was active in church work and taught Sunday School for more than 50 years. She was a charter member of several literary clubs, garden clubs and community organizations.



*Brad Land signs his best-selling memoir for students during his visit.*

## FMU hosts 2004 alumni art show

Francis Marion University held its 2004 Art and Art Education Alumni Invitational as part of the university's Art Gallery Series, Aug. 17 through Sept. 30.

The Alumni Invitational gives graduates of FMU's Art Education and Visual Arts programs an opportunity to socialize and showcase recent artwork, and affords the university and community an opportunity to view their work and learn of their achievements following graduation.

Alumni exhibitions help the Department of Fine Arts stay current with former students, assessing success in preparing students for graduate study and professions within the field. In conjunction with alumni surveys, the alumni invitational is a collegial means of soliciting recommendations for improvements to the curriculum and providing current art and art education majors with a pool of successful mentors to assist with placement "in the business" upon graduation.

"As chairman of the Department of Fine Arts at FMU, I wish to thank all the alumni who contributed work for the Art and Art Education Alumni Invitational," said Lawrence P. Anderson. "Alumni exhibits help continue a dialogue with past students we have prepared. This kind of contact is nostalgic, educational, and exciting for all involved. Faculty are provided evidence of progress their students have made, and current students are reinforced by the creative endeavors they view."

A gallery gala reception for the artists and the public was held Sept. 30 in the Fine Arts Center.

## Bausmith named coordinator of Learning Disabilities program

Shirley Carr Bausmith has been named coordinator of the School of Education's Master of Arts in Teaching (M.A.T.) with a major in Learning Disabilities program at Francis Marion University.

The M.A.T. program provides an avenue for individuals with degrees in other areas to become certified to teach students with learning disabilities. FMU also offers a Master of Education (M.Ed.) program in learning disabilities for currently certified teachers who wish to add an additional area of certification. That program is coordinated by education professor Mike Madden.

In her new role with the M.A.T. program, Bausmith will advise M.A.T. students and be involved with Madden in the development of new courses and related materials for the Learning Disabilities program.

Bausmith has also been appointed coordinator of the Instructional Accommodation program.

Bausmith earned the B.S. degree in elementary education (summa cum laude) and the M.Ed. degree in remediation from FMU. She earned the Ph.D. degree in special education from the University of South Carolina.

Prior to joining the FMU faculty as an assistant professor of education in 2003, Bausmith was a learning disabilities resource teacher and Special Education Department chairperson at West Florence High School. She was a graduate assistant at FMU, and became a part-time member of the graduate faculty before going to West Florence, where she was named Teacher of the Year in 1998. She served as president of the FMU Alumni Association from 2001-2003.

# Who stole your heart at FMU?

Do you remember that special someone who stole your heart while you attended FMU? Was it your new best friend or the classmate that you met your very first day on campus? Or was it the Homecoming Queen or even Mr. Greek?

Now is your chance to see that special someone you haven't seen in years. Renew those treasured acquaintances and check up on how your favorite professor is doing at . . .



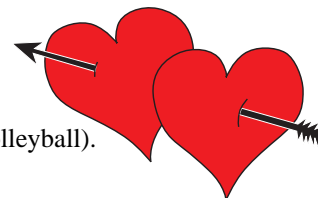
## HOMECOMING 2005

### Friday, February 11

- 9 a.m. **School of Business Annual Alumni Breakfast** *The Cottage*  
School of Business graduates will have a chance to meet new members of the faculty, learn about the School's initiatives and programs, and join us in honoring the Outstanding School of Business Graduate.
- 8 p.m. **Homecoming Step Show 2005** *McNair Science Building Auditorium*  
A Step Show Sponsored by the FMU Office of Multicultural Affairs.  
Advance Tickets: \$8 (\$10 at the door). Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Precious Cristwell at 843-661-1188.
- 8:30 p.m. **Coffee and Dessert Reception** *The Cottage*  
All alumni are invited to join us as we pay tribute to graduates from the **classes of 1975, 1985, and 1995** and former athletes. A cash bar will be available with complimentary coffee, desserts, and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

## Saturday, February 12

- 11 a.m. **Alumni Game - Women's Basketball** *Smith University Center*
- 11:30 a.m. **Alumni Game - Men's Basketball**
- 12:30 - 2 p.m. **PatriotFest (Free admission)** *Smith University Center*  
Bring your sweetheart and a *heart'y* appetite for a southern barbeque before the basketball games. Menu will include BBQ pork, chicken strips, and all the fixin's. There will be music and children's activities.  
♥ FMU Sweethearts receive a special Valentine's memento at the door. ♥
- Noon - 5 p.m. **Patriot Bookstore Open** *Smith University Center*  
Take advantage of a 20% discount on FMU memorabilia.
- 1:30 - 5 p.m. **Silent Auction** *Smith University Center Gym - North End*
- 2 p.m. **Patriots vs. Augusta State University - Women's Game (Free admission)**
- 3:45 p.m. **Hall of Fame Induction**  
Immediately following the women's game. The 2005 inductees are  
Jeremy Halpin '97 (Baseball), Alvaro Figuerola '98 (Soccer), and Krissy Burt '01 (Volleyball).
- 4 p.m. **Patriots vs. Augusta State University - Men's Game (Free admission)**  
During halftime, the 2005 Homecoming King & Queen will be crowned.
- 6:30 p.m. **A Patriot Celebration featuring a Live Auction** *Smith University Center Commons*  
Spend a *fabulous evening* for a *great cause* with the FMU Athletic Department. Proceeds from the auction support student-athletes who represent Francis Marion regionally and nationally.  
Admission: Swamp Fox Club Members \$5.00; Non-Members \$10.00



*More to come! Watch your mail for a Homecoming schedule and registration form.*



## 1973

**Robert T. Lesser Jr.** was recently appointed postmaster for the U.S. Postal Service in Latta.

## 1974

**Crawford M. "C.M." Brown** was named senior vice president of First Reliance Bank in Florence as of May 10, 2004.

## 1976

**Richard Brewer** and his wife, **Faye '82**, moved from Charleston to Greenville where Richard has joined Greenville Events, Inc. (GEI) as executive director. GEI produces several special events in the city of Greenville including Main Street Jazz, Downtown Alive, and Shaggin' on Augusta.

**David Perkins** is the director of Florence's Business Technology Center.

**Rebecca M. Williamson** is teaching in the special education program at Wando High School in Mt. Pleasant. Rebecca is also the girls' tennis coach. For the past four years, she has been named Coach of the Year for Region 7-4A. She took her girls to the 4A State Playoffs this year and the team finished in third place.

## 1977

**Dr. H. Randall Dozier** was named superintendent of Georgetown County School District this summer. He served as deputy superintendent from 1999 until 2004.

**Richard C. Harrington Jr.** has been named chairman of the Florence Advisory Board for the National Bank of South Carolina (NBSC). Harrington is the CEO of American Specialty, a regional distributing company for filing, storage and retrieval systems in Florence.

**Pam Osborne** announces the opening of Osborne Real Estate Group on Cheves Street in Florence where she is the Broker-in-Charge.

## 1979

**Hal Campbell** has been appointed to the governor's seat on the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees. Gov. Mark Sanford made the appointment, effective July 1, 2004. Hal is president and chief executive officer of ACS Technologies.

## 1980

**Ted Maness** has taken over the reigns as chief of staff and head of Congressman George Randovich's (R-Mariposa) office. Ted is the

former vice president of industry and government relations for Fannie Mae and has also served as executive director of the National Republican Congressional Committee. He gained experience working as chief of staff for Sen. Jon Kyl (R-Arizona).

## 1981

**Dr. Danny Hyler** and his wife **Deborah '82** are co-owners of the Pee Dee Pride Hockey team. Debbie serves as chief operating officer of the Pride.

## 1982

**Deborah W. Hyler** is chief operating officer of the Pee Dee Pride Hockey team. She and her husband **Danny '81** are co-owners of the team.

## 1983

**David Michael James** and **Caroline Kay Thaug** were wed in the Chapel by the Sea, Marriott Resort and Beach Club in Hawaii on May 18, 2004. The groom holds a bachelor's degree from Francis Marion University and master's degrees from Loyola Marymount University, the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles. He is a senior auditor for Smart & Final, Inc. of Los Angeles. The bride graduated from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona with a Bachelor of Arts degree in accounting. She is employed as an audit manager for the City of Long Beach. They live in Long Beach, Calif.

## 1984

**Patricia Ann Fountain** and **Waldo Henderson Hyman III (Tres)** were married April 17, 2004, at St. James-Santee Episcopal Church in McClellanville. Patricia is a teacher in the Georgetown County School District. Tres is the owner of Bishop Brothers Forestry Consultants in Marion. They reside in Cartersville and North Litchfield Beach.

## 1985

**Reed Miller** and his wife **Grace**



*Nathan, Alexander and Philip Miller*

'85 have three sons: Nathaniel, Alexander and Philip. Reed is the international sales manager of Beverage-Air and travels frequently to Mexico and Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

**Mike Murphree** was elected to the District 6 seat for Dorchester County Council in June 2004. He is a former member of the Francis Marion University Board of Trustees. Mike is a licensed general contractor and project manager with Butler Ware Trucking.

## 1986

**Stephen Randall**

**Voss** is an assistant professor in the biology department at the University of Kentucky College of Arts and Sciences.



*Voss*

He is engaged in a project funded by the National Science Foundation in extensive research to characterize genes expressed during limb regeneration in salamanders. This past December, he was awarded a \$300,000, three-year grant from the Kentucky Spinal Cord Head Injury Research Trust to research spinal cord regeneration.

## 1988

**Stephen Jones** has been employed with A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. in Florence since 1993 and has recently been named vice president of investments. Stephen resides in Florence.

**Mac Josey** has been named vice president of Darlington Raceway where he has been employed since 1990.

**H. Craig Martin** has been named Small Business Person of the Year for 2004 by the Marion Chamber of Commerce. Craig has been a self-employed Certified Public Accountant since May 2000.

## 1989

**Betty Ann Miles** was selected Teacher of the Year for East Elementary School in Dillon where she has taught second grade since 1990.



*This photo is from a trip Reed Miller took to Egypt in December 2003. Miller is an international sales manager and travels overseas frequently.*

## 1990

**Alice Casey** was named Latta Elementary School's Teacher of the Year by her peers. She has been teaching for 29 years and teaches a special education class.

**Karen Hyman** **Elvis and Todd**

**Elvis '93** announce the birth of a son, David William Elvis, on May 18, 2004.



*David William Elvis*

**Debra Pelt** **Morris** has been named principal of Latta Elementary School where she has served as assistant principal and teacher. She is a member of the Latta Rotary Club and lives in Dillon.

## 1991

**Rev. Terry Alexander** was the commencement speaker for Florence-Darlington Technical College's 2004 graduation exercises. Rev. Alexander is pastor of Wayside Chapel Baptist Church in Florence.

**Scott Barfield** married Amy Ayers Smith on May 22, 2004, in Florence. Scott works at Roche Carolina and Amy teaches 4K at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Florence where the couple resides.

**Andra Leigh Watkins** married Michael Thomas Maher on June 14, 2004, in Charleston. Andra is legal administrator/CPA at Pratt-Thomas Epting & Walker PA. Michael graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and is a registered architect and director of Charleston Civic Design Center.

## 1992

**Jacquelyn Hulon Graham**

married William Jeffrey Hinson on March 20, 2004. She is the director of operations for Blue Cross Blue Shield of SC-Tricare. Her husband is employed by Wellman Inc. of Darlington. They live in Florence.

**Cecil E.**

**(Gene)**

**Hall Jr.** has been a lineman for Santee Electric Coop for 11 years. He and his wife Emily



*Gene Hall with his three children, Taylor, Westley and Dalton James.*

(Moore) Hall of 10 years have three children Taylor, Westley, and Dalton James. They reside in Kingstree.

**W. Scotty Keefe** is the owner and operator of Thoroughbred Motors in Florence. He left his former job of seven years at Carolina Academy to become self-employed. He and his wife Stacie have two children, Joshua and Corley.

**Genevieve R. (Drummond) Penland** has been promoted to Pediatric Rehabilitation Supervisor at Providence NE in Columbia. She has two children, Blythe, and Annabella who celebrated her first birthday July 10, 2004.

**Kevin Eric Kiker** married Angela Dawn Murphy May 29, 2004. He is a social studies teacher at Wilson High School in Florence. She graduated from Belmont Abbey College and teaches English at Wilson High School. They live in Florence.

**Kimberly McDaniels Scott** has been named principal of Lake View Elementary School. She previously worked for Marion School District 7 as a support coordinator for the district office. Prior to that, she worked for two years for the Darlington County School District as a testing and early childhood coordinator.

## 1993

**Crystal McLeod Carter** married David Eric Jolley in Simpsonville May 1, 2004. Crystal is employed with First United Mortgage of Greenville. David is employed with Michelin Corporation in Greenville. They live in Fountain Inn.

**Todd Elvis and Karen Hyman Elvis '90** announce the birth of a son, David William Elvis, on May 18, 2004.

**John Nail** was recently promoted to sales manager and builder specialist for Countrywide Home Loans in Denver, Colo.

## 1994

**Dr. Dwayne A. Jacobus** has joined the hospital medical staff of Saint Eugene Medical Center in Dillon with privileges in the Department of Surgery in the practice of podiatry. He and his wife Joy have two sons, Landyn and Leighton.

**Fenissa Rice Jeter** has been named Teacher of the Year at Chesnee Middle School in Spartanburg District 2. She began her teaching career in 1995 and taught in Chester County before going to Spartanburg County. She is now competing for the District Teacher of the Year. She and her husband, Arthur, have two children, Ashlee and Tre'Ryan.

**Ginger Miller**, a former Francis Marion University softball player, recently completed her first year as assistant coach at Georgia College & State University. Her team ended the season with a 33-18 record. She previously coached at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Ginger is a native of Wingate, N.C.

**Madelyn Robinson** was promoted to zoning administrator for Berkeley County. She has worked for Berkeley County as a land use planner. Madelyn lives with her husband, Ed and two sons, Jack and Yates, in Summerville.

## 1995

**Jeffrey Brian Barrineau** married Danielle Springs Evans on July 10, 2004. He is employed with Clarendon School District 3. Danielle works at First Citizens Bank in Lake City.

**Charles Scott Moore** married **Shannon Dawn Foxworth '96** on May 1, 2004 in Jamaica. He is a sales representative and purchasing agent for Diamond Hill Plywood. Shannon graduated from Francis Marion University and Florence-Darlington Technical College and is a registered nurse in the Coronary Care Unit at McLeod Regional Medical Center. They live in Florence.

## 1996

**Mark Allen** and his wife **Vicki Emmerling Allen '96** announce the birth of twin girls. Kylie Rebecca and Hayley Catherine were born May 17, 2004 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. Mark is a system administrator at Coastal Carolina University. They live in Pawleys Island.



The Allen family.

Center. Mark is a system administrator at Coastal Carolina University. They live in Pawleys Island.

**Jeremy Loran Bethea** is pastor of the Historic Mount Olive Baptist Church in Mullins.

**Carol L. Braddock** of WebsterRogers LLP successfully completed the national Certified Employee Benefit Specialist exams. She is a senior accountant in the firm's Wealth Management Group and provides employee benefit services to WebsterRogers clients.

**Milton T. (Tre') Coleman III** has been selected to serve as the Pee Dee State Farmers Market manager. He will also serve as a cotton and

tobacco marketing specialist working closely with the S.C. Cotton Board and the S.C. Tobacco Board.

**Stephanie Nicole Edwards** and Dr. Eric Conrad Horecky were married May 1, 2004 in Charleston. Stephanie has a B.S. in nursing and a M.S. in nursing systems management from the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Horecky is in private practice in Mount Pleasant where they reside.

**Shannon Dawn Foxworth** married **Charles Scott Moore '95** on May 1, 2004 in Jamaica. Shannon is a registered nurse and works in the Coronary Care Unit at McLeod Regional Medical Center. The groom is a sales representative and purchasing agent for Diamond Hill Plywood. They live in Florence.

**Alan McLaurin** has been selected the 2004-2005 Teacher of the Year for J.V. Martin Junior High School. He has been employed by Dillon School District 2 for the past six years as a social studies teacher. He has also been on the coaching staff for 12 years at Dillon High School.

**Kristel Singletary** started working for Vanguard Car Rental in March 2004 as a reservations agent for National Rental Car.

## 1997

**Tara Owens** has joined the Accident, Injury and Rehabilitation Center of Florence as the new marketing director. She works closely with area businesses to promote employee wellness.

## 1998

**Jamilyn Merrill Evans** married Chan Brickie Richard Poston on May 15, 2004 at the home of her parents. Jamilyn has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and mass communication. She is pursuing an associate's degree in nursing. Chan is the owner and operator of Natural Resources Management.

**Kimberly Ann Younginer** and Matthew Sanford Cosand were married April 3, 2004 at Central United Methodist Church in Florence. The bride co-owns Cornerstone Learning Center in Alexandria, Va. The groom is a geospatial analyst for B.A.E. Systems in McLean, Va. They live in Alexandria, Va.

## 1999

**Paula Holmes Alvarez** was selected by the South Carolina

Council of Teachers of English to receive the 2003-2004 Young Leader Award. Paula teaches language arts at Hartsville High School and is a teacher consultant with the Swamp Fox Writing Project. Paula's goal, as the first SCCTE Young Leader, is to begin a SCCTE affiliate in the Pee Dee region. She will also sit on the SCCTE Advisory Board for one year.

**Tarah Leigh Culbertson** and Ryan Patrick Boykin were married March 6, 2004, at First United Methodist Church in Bennettsville. Tarah is branch manager of Spherion WorkForce Architects in Florence. Ryan graduated from the University of South Carolina and is an industrial sales account manager for Ferguson Enterprises in Florence where they live.

**Stephanie Nesmith and Shellon Forte '02**

were wed May 1, 2004 at White Chapel Freewill Holiness Church in Johnsonville. Stephanie is a senior technical writer with ACS Technologies, and Shellon is an architectural designer-drafter with John A. Fisher Architect, PC. They live in Florence.



Mr. and Mrs. Forte

## 2000

**Elizabeth Muncney Bugner** and her husband Mark welcomed their first child, Zachary, on Aug. 15, 2004. They live in Medina, Ohio.

**Carlton Wesley Howell** and Amanda Lynn Tolson were married March 27, 2004 at Salem United Methodist Church. Carlton is employed by IBM Global Services in Florence. Amanda graduated from Florence-Darlington Technical College with a degree in medical coding and works at Physician Practice Solutions in Florence where they reside.

**Kyle Elizabeth McGee** and Jonathan Patrick Hunt were married June 5, 2004 at the Charleston Maritime Center. Kyle is employed by Diversified Energy in Florence. Jonathan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry and a Master of Science degree in



environmental engineering from Clemson University and is employed by HSMM in Florence where they reside.

## 2001

**Nolan Graham** has been named member services director for the Florence Chamber of Commerce.

**Lianna Kristine Kosinski** and **John Martine "Marty" Watson '01** were married May 15, 2004 at Highland Park United Methodist Church in Florence. Lianna is pursuing a master's degree in learning disabilities at Francis Marion. Marty earned a M.S. degree in civil and environmental engineering from USC. He is employed with Hayes, Seay, Mattern and Mattern. They live in Florence.

**Glenn Matthews** and **Fran Howard** were married April 3, 2004 at Bible Temple Pentecostal Holiness Church. Glenn is employed by Florence School District 3. Fran is employed by McLeod Occupational Health. They live in Scranton.

**Christina Elizabeth Miles** married **Travis Ray Springs** June 14, 2004 in Jamaica at The Sandals Resort. Christina is a radiological technologist at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence. Travis holds a degree from Florence-Darlington Technical College and is a civil engineering technologist for the S.C. Department of Transportation in the Florence bridge construction office. They live in Florence.

**Joanna Rish** began the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at the University of South Carolina in the fall of 2004.

**Tracy Swinney** and **Darnell**

**Carter** were married July 10, 2004 in Florence. Tracy holds degrees from Florence-Darlington Technical College, Francis Marion and Lesley University. She is an art teacher at Williams High School. Darnell is employed with Swinney Masonry Inc. in Florence. They live in Effingham.

**Benjamin Connally Woods** and **Ericka Leigh Stewart** were married July 17, 2004 at Highland Park Methodist Church. Benjamin is employed with the family business "The Trash Company" in Cashiers, N.C. Ericka graduated from the University of South Carolina and is employed by The Chattanooga Club in Cashiers, N.C., where they reside.

## 2002

**Ashley Wade Altman** and **Melissia Dawn Cox '02** were married April 17, 2004 at Mill Branch Free Will Baptist Church in Johnsonville. Melissa is employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of South Carolina, and Wade works for ADP Tax Credit Services. They live in Johnsonville.

**Shannon Asko** graduated from the physician's assistant program at the Medical University of South Carolina Aug. 21, 2004. She is employed by McLeod Regional Medical Center.

**Maranda Jill Blanton** and **Jamie Banning Ard '02** were married June 26, 2004 at Green Sea Baptist Church in Green Sea. Maranda is employed by Marion School District 1. Jamie is employed by Wellman Inc. They live in Salem.

**Rita Davis** was nominated for Who's Who Among America's

Teachers for 2004. She is employed by Marion School District 2.

**Shellon Forte** and **Stephanie Nesmith '99** were married May 1, 2004 at White Chapel Freewill Holiness Church in Johnsonville. Shellon is an architectural designer-drafter with John A. Fisher Architect, PC. Stephanie is a senior technical writer with ACS Technologies. They live in Florence.

**Patrice L. Viton** has been promoted to senior manager for the Sumter office of WebsterRogers LLP. Patrice is a member of many associations and organizations including the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and the South Carolina Association of Certified Public Accountants, and serves as the treasurer for Florence Rotary Breakfast Club.

## 2003

**Blakely Adelle Baroody** and **Samuel Farrar Arthur III** were married July 17, 2004 at Central United Methodist Church. Blakely is a sales assistant with Wachovia Securities. Samuel graduated from the University of Georgia and the University of South Carolina School of Law. He is an attorney with the firm of Aiken, Bridges, Nunn, Elliot and Tyler, P.A. in Florence. They live in Florence.

**DaLashant "Shantel" V. Brown** and **L. An'dre Luckey** were married May 22, 2004 at Mt. Sinai Holiness Church. An'dre is working toward an electrical engineering degree from Francis Marion and Florence-Darlington Technical College. They live in Florence.

**Charles Allen Bruce** is a project

manager for a residential construction company and recently became a licensed realtor. He assists people and investors with the buying and selling of homes and helps make necessary repairs to the homes.

**Douglas Monroe Gainey** and **Stefanie Jane Muldrow** of Darlington were married July 10, 2004 at Temple Free Will Baptist Church in Darlington. After honeymooning in the Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania, they will live in Darlington.

**Melissa Susan Godwin** and **Robert Benny (Bobby) Carsten** were married July 10, 2004 at High Hill Free Will Baptist Church. She is employed by W. Lee Flowers and Company, and he works for Sparrow and Fair Tractor Company. They live in Scranton.

**Nichole Domini Lloyd** and **Bradley Gaines Burdette** were married March 6, 2004 at Central United Methodist Church. She is the project manager for EGS Implementations at Lyles Data Systems. He is a real estate appraiser at Matthews Properties. They live in Florence.

**Melia Ashley McElveen** and **Justin Lee Evans** were married July 10, 2004 at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Florence. Melia works for Marion School District 2. Justin holds an Associate of Arts degree from Horry-Georgetown Technical College and works for Palmetto Pulpwood and Timber in Florence. They live in Pamplico.

## 2004

**Niki Chavis** was crowned Miss North Charleston and also placed in the Top 5 in the Miss South Carolina Pageant in July. She is the head ballet instructor for the Brenda Cranford School of Dance.

**Erica Gayle Kennedy** and **Philip O'Brien Goodwin** were married June 5, 2004. Erica is employed by the law office of LeGrand Caraway in Kingstree. Philip is employed by Coker Business Systems Inc. of Turbeville. They live in Kingstree.

**Joanna Tinchler**, a former FMU women's basketball player, is an assistant women's basketball coach at the University of Alabama-Huntsville. UAH competes in the NCAA Division II Gulf South Conference.

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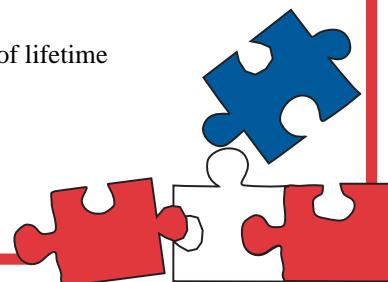
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# Francis Marion University Upcoming Events Calendar

<b>Jan. 6</b>	<b>Alumni Advisory Board Meeting</b>	<b>6 pm</b>	<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>First Tuesday Arts Event: Chamber Music and Art Exhibits,</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
	The Cottage			Adele Kassab Recital Hall, Hyman Fine Arts Center	
<b>Jan. 18</b>	<b>Patrice La Conte's "Man on the Train"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>	<b>Concert: University Wind Symphony</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
	Cinema 2005 Film Series			McNair Science Building Auditorium	
<b>Jan. 24</b>	<b>"Romeo and Juliet" by William Shakespeare</b>	<b>8 pm</b>	<b>Mar. 15</b>	<b>Errol Morris' "The Fog of War"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>
	The National Players, McNair Science Building Auditorium			Cinema 2005 Film Series	
<b>Jan. 25</b>	<b>Andrew Jarecki's "Capturing the Friedmans"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>	<b>Mar. 22</b>	<b>Claude Chabrol's "The Flower of Evil"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>
	Cinema 2005 Film Series			English Department Film Series	
	Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center			Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center	
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>Krzysztof Kieslowski's "A Short Film About Killing"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>	<b>Mar. 23</b>	<b>Concert: Sakiko Ohashi, pianist</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
	English Department Film Series			Francis Marion University Artist Series	
	Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center			Adele Kassab Recital Hall, Hyman Fine Arts Center	
<b>Feb. 1</b>	<b>Concert: Barbara and Gerhardt Suhrstedt, piano duettists</b>	<b>8 pm</b>	<b>Mar. 29</b>	<b>Nathaniel Kahn's "My Architect"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>
	Francis Marion University Artist Series			Cinema 2005 Film Series	
	Adele Kassab Recital Hall, Hyman Fine Arts Center			Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center	
<b>Feb. 3</b>	<b>Alumni Member Appreciation Dinner</b>	<b>7 pm</b>	<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>Zacharias Kunuk's "The Fast Runner"</b>	<b>3:30 pm</b>
	The Cottage, Recognition of the 2004-05 Distinguished Alumni			English Department Film Series, Lowrimore Auditorium	
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Gus Van Sant's "Elephant"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>	<b>Apr. 5</b>	<b>First Tuesday Arts Event: Chamber Music and Art Exhibits,</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
	Cinema 2005 Film Series			Adele Kassab Recital Hall, Hyman Fine Arts Center	
	Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center		<b>Apr. 7</b>	<b>Concert: University Jazz Express and Chamber Jazz Ensemble,</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>Feb. 8</b>	<b>Concert: Stephen Carlson, pianist</b>	<b>8 pm</b>		McNair Science Building Auditorium	
	First Tuesday Arts Event: Chamber Music and Art Exhibits		<b>Apr. 12</b>	<b>Krzysztof Kieslowski's "A Short Film About Love"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>
	Adele Kassab Recital Hall, Hyman Fine Arts Center			English Department Film Series	
<b>Feb. 11-12</b>	<b>Homecoming 2005</b>			Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center	
	Francis Marion University		<b>Apr. 14-16</b>	<b>"Red Herring" by Michael Hollinger presented by</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
<b>Feb. 15</b>	<b>Olivier Assayas's "Demonlover"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>		The University Theatre, Fine Arts Theatre, Hyman Fine Arts Center	
	English Department Film Series			(Call Box Office 661-1365, 1-5pm Mon-Fri for seating availability.)	
	Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center		<b>Apr. 16</b>	<b>Art's Alive! Festival</b>	<b>11 am - 5 pm</b>
<b>Feb. 22</b>	<b>Sofia Coppola's "Lost in Translation"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>		FMU Campus, call 661-1225 for information.	
	Cinema 2005 Film Series		<b>Apr. 19</b>	<b>Wolfgang Becker's "Goodbye, Lenin"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>
	Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center			Cinema 2005 Film Series	
<b>Feb. 24-26</b>	<b>"How I Learned to Drive" by Paula Vogel presented by</b>	<b>8 pm</b>		Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center	
	The University Theatre, Fine Arts Theatre, Hyman Fine Arts Center		<b>Apr. 21</b>	<b>Concert: University Wind Symphony</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
	(Call Box Office 661-1365, 1-5pm Mon-Fri for seating availability.)			McNair Science Building Auditorium	
<b>Mar. 1</b>	<b>Gillo Pontecorvo's "The Battle of Algiers"</b>	<b>3:30 &amp; 8 pm</b>	<b>Apr. 24</b>	<b>Concert: University Concert Choir and Cut Time Show Choir,</b>	<b>3 pm</b>
	English Department Film Series			Adele Kassab Recital Hall, Hyman Fine Arts Center	
	Lowrimore Auditorium, Cauthen Educational Media Center		<b>May 7</b>	<b>Commencement, Smith University Center</b>	<b>10 am</b>



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